

# Tales from the Mist

## *From the Seneschal*

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I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday season, spending time with family and friends. Hopefully you were able to make it to a Yule or 12th Night Celebration. Now we are moving into January and the start of a new Tourney season.

Coming up is Unbelted in Gyldenholdt among other events. If you have never been, I highly recommend attending Unbelted. It is a chance for all of the Unbelts (fighters who are not part of the Chivalry) to show their fighting prowess upon the field of honor. Our Shire has a number of fighters going to this event and it would be good to go and give them support.

If people are interested, Seven has mentioned setting up a carpool for traveling to

events. Splitting the cost of the rental and fuel would bring the price down to \$15 or \$20 per person for 15 passengers. A lot cheaper than driving one's own vehicle down to the event.

Anyway, I look forward to the New Year and what it will bring for our Shire. I foresee growth not only in numbers, but growth as a group striving for a unified Wintermist. I encourage you all to get to know others in our group, if you have questions about a particular activity in the SCA, Please ask. We have a lot of wonderful people in our Shire and a vast wealth of knowledge.

Until next time; Yours in service,

~Lord Edward Blossville de Monreale

### CALENDAR

#### Fellowship Meetings (FM)

Fighter Practice (Heavies)  
Jastro Park Thursdays @7 pm

Archery & Thrown Weapons  
Sundays@2pm Master Donn's  
(No practice Jan 5)

#### Future Events

- JAN 8 Shire Meeting 7PM
- JAN 11 Golf Course Road Cleanup 10am**
- JAN 21 Illumination FM
- JAN 23 Bardic Circle FM
- JAN 31 TALES ARTICLES DUE
- FEB 12 Shire Meeting 7PM
- MAR 12 Shire Meeting 7PM
- APRIL 5 Knewbie Knockabout
- APRIL 9 Shire Meeting 7PM
- MAY 14 Shire Meeting 7PM
- MAY 17 Wintermist Anniversary
- JUNE 11 Shire Meeting 7PM
- JULY 5 Games Tourney
- JULY 9 Shire Meeting 7PM
- SEPT 6 3.5 Baronies

See Wintermist Calendar for full details



## *Golf Course Road Cleanup –Jan 11, 2013*

Come join us for the Golf Course Road cleanup, in Taft! This is the road we take to the GWW site. The project is scheduled (weather permitting) for **Saturday January 11th from 10 AM till 1 PM**. We need people to pick up litter, be safety spotters, drive the vehicles, etc. This is for the road leading into the GWW site.

The County will be putting a sign with our device and name on it so that everyone knows they are in Wintermist when they come to GWW. Equipment is provided and we do NOT have to transport the filled bags.

We will meet at the entrance to GWW on the west end of the site and we will shuttle people such that each person has only 1 mile to walk. There is another County park just to the west of the site, near the Buena Vista Golf Course that we can use for a potluck lunch if people are interested. Wear comfortable layered clothes, and shoes you can walk in. Contact Master Donn if you have any questions 661-203-3419 and look for more info on the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1447789485444613/>



*Saz - A Turkish long necked lute, similar to a Mandolin.*

## Arts & Sciences Fellowships

Hail and well met. Unto Wintermist I send Greetings for the New Year!

As the Arts and Sciences Officer I would like to take this moment to say I look forward to seeing all the wonderful art the Shire will bring to light.

Along with the structured and categorized items for competition and display, I would like to throw in a challenge: If you make it, bring it. If it isn't in the category, it cannot win, but we would like to see it any way.

Changing hats.

### METAL WORKERS

As the Chancellor for the Metal Workers, I am looking for a deputy. Having said that, we will be playing with steel starting mid April. Date will be posted. Again with the hat.

### DRUMMING

As the Chancellor for Drumming, I am looking for a place to gather and practice. Sometime mid April as well. Thank you all.

In Service to the Dream,  
~**THL Galen deLeon**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Most People got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good in June.



*In the Middle Ages, bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests or nobility got the top, or the "upper crust".*

## Huzzah for Heraldry!

Greetings, fellow denizens of the Shire of Wintermist.

As you may know, our Shire has about 94% of the populace with registered names and devices, which is enough to put us in the top 5 of all named groups in the Knowne Worlde (If you are reading this and do not have your own name and device registered, call this a HINT and see the nearest herald as soon as you can to talk about it). However, our Kingdom is also a high heraldic achiever in its own right.

This month, statistics for 2013 from the Knowne Worlde concerning submissions for names and devices (including household names and badges) were sent from Istvan Non Scripta Herald to all the Kingdom Principal Heralds. Cormac Mor, Crescent Principal Herald for Caid, shared them with us.

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| 585..... | East          |
| 419..... | Caid          |
| 285..... | Atlantia      |
| 279..... | An Tir        |
| 258..... | Middle        |
| 244..... | Lochac        |
| 238..... | Atenveldt     |
| 214..... | Meridies      |
| 210..... | AEthelmearc   |
| 192..... | Outlands      |
| 168..... | Ansteorra     |
| 177..... | Calontir      |
| 136..... | Trimaris      |
| 116..... | Drachenwald   |
| 99.....  | Ealdormere    |
| 78.....  | Gleann Abhann |
| 74.....  | West          |
| 58.....  | Northshield   |
| 35.....  | Artemisia     |

Caid is one of the smaller Kingdoms in the Knowne Worlde, and the East Kingdom is 3 times as large as Caid, but only beat us by 28%. We can all be proud of both our Shire and Kingdom heralds for their efforts.

~ Lord Ardgal mac Domnaill, Deputy Pursuivant herald

## Herald's Report

January for our Shire is usually a slow time as we start the New Year and get ready to move back into gear for the tourney season. This year we start on a happy note on four acceptances from the Laurel Queen of Arms for submissions from Wintermist with no returns.

**Household Name and Badge:** Inn of the White Hart - Azure, a hart's head caboshed and a bordure invected argent. This badge is for Ardgall mac Domnaill.  
**New Name and Device:** Deana de la Mer - Azure, a heart Or and a chief wavy argent. (Laurel said nice device!)  
**New Name:** Fergus MacDuff  
**Alternate Name:** Michael

**Goodwill** (Laurel said nice English period name!)  
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**Heraldic terms caboshed and erased.** When describing an animals' head in blazon the term caboshed means the base of the head has a ragged edge like it has been ripped off the body. The term erased is used when the base of the head is shown with a straight line like it has been cut off.  
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The Flourish of Heralds for Wintermist will meet usually on the Tuesday of the week preceding the Caidan College of Heralds meeting for that month. All are welcome to attend or if you have a question concerning heraldic matters please contact one of our members and we will be happy

to help you. We will be happy to teach or train you in the different aspects of heraldry in the SCA- field, book and court. Field heraldry deals with announcing the fighters on the tourney field or making announcements around the camp or site. Book heraldry deals with the learning about period naming practices and how to properly blazon (name and describe) a persons' arms or device. Court heraldry is how to perform and direct the formal activities at a court for the autocrat or peer. The Flourish is always looking for more members and willing to help and teach about heraldry so join us when you can.

~Master Manus le Dragonier,  
 Wintermist Pursuivant



### A & S THEMES

**January**

*Illumination*

**February**

*Jewelry and composition  
 (Sonnet or love song)*

**March**

*Period Models, woodworking*

**April**

*Cheeses/Functional Art*

## Houchin Blood Bank

For those of you who did not know the Shire of Wintermist has had an account at the Houchin Blood Bank for almost 25 years. To give you an idea of how old it is the account number is 215. You can donate whole blood or platelets that are placed in our account and then can be used to offset units used by Shire

members when they have surgery and need blood. This can potentially save you some money in an medical emergency.

If you know you are going to have a medical procedure that requires blood please contact us to notify Houchin. This can be done through our Seneschal Lord

Edward Blosseville de Monrealeor, or Master Manus le Dragonier.

Such communication is confidential unless otherwise stated. So if you can give blood please do and make your donation to the Shire of Wintermist.

~Master Manus le Dragonier,  
 Wintermist Pursuivant

## Chronicler's Corner

My thanks to those who contributed to this month's TALES. **Master Manus le Dragonier, Lord Ardgall mac Domnaill, The Honorable Lord Galen deLeon, Master Martin FitzJames and Mistress Moirin Chiardhubh niBhardain.** I have updated the Shire's roster for 2014. A draft copy will be available at the Jan 8 Shire meeting. Please review it and if you have any changes please email me at jolenecef@gmail.com with your updates. I haven't been able to reach everyone and I would really like the roster to be up-to-date and correct to facilitate good communication in the coming year. Thank you.

~Lady Jani Shirazi

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### PERSEPOLIS:

To the ancient Persians, the city was known as *Pārsa*. The English word *Persepolis* is derived from the Greek Πέρσης πόλις *Pérsēs pólis*, meaning "Persian city". In contemporary Persian, the site is known as تخت جمشید *Takht-e Jamshid* "The Throne of Jamshid", and چهل منار *Chehel minar* "The Forty Columns/Minarets".

*Source: Wikipedia*

# Bardic Circle

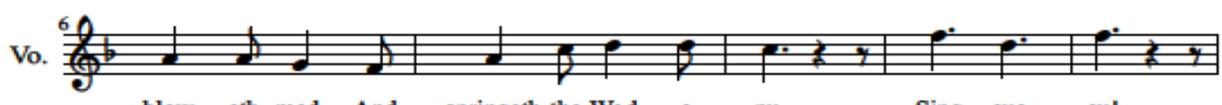
The following song is an original composition by Master Martin and Mistress Moirin. Please join them for Bardic practice the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm at their home. Enjoy!

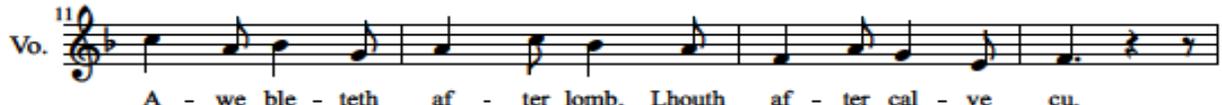
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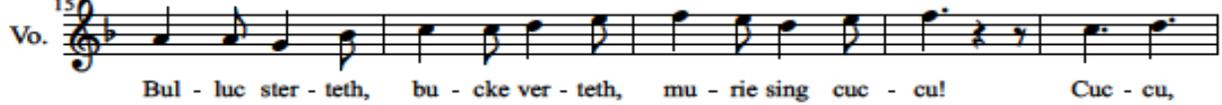
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Anon

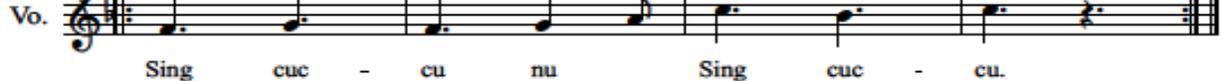
Vo.   
Su-mer is i - cu-men in - Lhu - de sing cuc - cu! Grow - eth - sed, and

Vo.   
blow - eth med, And springeth the Wod - e nu. Sing cuc - cu!

Vo.   
A - we ble - teth af - ter lomb, Lhouth af - ter cal - ve cu.

Vo.   
Bul - luc ster - teth, bu - cke ver - teth, mu - rie sing cuc - cu! Cuc - cu,

Vo.   
cuc - cu Wel sing-es thu cuc - cu, Ne swik thu na - ver - nu.

Vo.   
Ground  
Sing cuc - cu nu Sing cuc - cu.



**CURRENT CHAMPION  
OF WINTERMIST AND  
PROTECTOR OF THE  
FLOCK**



**LORD RAYNOR BOLEHEUED**

Photo by A'isha al-Raqqasa

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