

Tales from the Mist

JUNE 2013 (AS 48)

SHIRE OF WINTERMIST,
KINGDOM OF CAID

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CAID CALENDAR

- June 8: Carreg Wen Anniversary
- June 14-16: Nordwache Anniversary
- June 22: Gylednholt Anniversary
- June 29: Queen's and Altavian Champion Equestrian

(See SCA-Caid.org for full calendar)



WINTERMIST CALENDAR

- June 4: Flourish Meets @ Merle Haggard Denny's 7pm
- June 6: Stitch n Bitch (Clothiers & String) FM
- June 7: Brewer's FM
- June 8: Leatherworkers FM
- **June 12: Shire Business Meeting Tony's Pizza on Mt. Vernon Ave 7:00 pm**
- June 15: Metalworkers FM
- June 22: Woodworkers FM
- June 23: Middle-eastern Dance & Drum FM
- June 23: Cheese maker class
- June 25: Illumination FM
- June 27: Bardic FM
- **June 29: Wintermist DAY OF GAMES**
- June 28: Newsletter Articles Due
- **Sundays at 10 am Fighter Practice (Rapier and Heavies) at Patriot's Park**
- **Sundays from 4-6: Thrown Weapon / Archery Practice**
- **Thursdays at 5pm: Sewing Circle**
(FM=Fellowship Meeting)

From the Seneschal

Greetings Wintermist,

So even veteran SCA'ers like myself learn new stuff about the society all the time. I have always been aware of the unspoken laws of the SCA known as Sumptuary Laws, but I admit to having been ignorant of related issues that have caused me to involuntarily stumble. Now some of the more common Laws are concerning knights, which can be identified by their white belts, (unadorned) gold chains, and spurs, but there are others articles and devices that one may use to identify others of such classes. Such as a red belt signifies a squire, a yellow belt a protégé, and a green belt an apprentice, this doesn't mean you can't wear one (not white though), but it can symbolize a person's station.

On a more confusing note is the circlet. If you have an AOA (Award of Arms) you may wear an unadorned metal circlet (fillet) upon your brow. However anyone can wear one if the purpose is to hold a veil in place or hold their hair back. So sometimes the purpose of one can be confusing.

Other symbols set aside for such are those regarding peers; such as a chapeau or pelican for the Order of the Pelican, or a Laurel wreath, for the Order of the Laurel. While others are even more obscure; such as a wreath of strawberry leaves for a Duke or a Duchess, or a wreath of roses for those within the Order of the Rose. Most of these laws were created with respect for a person's well-earned station, and shouldn't be disregarded or taken lightly. If you talk to any knight about what it took to become a peer, I'm sure he'll regale you with many years of service, training and dedication. I myself will become more vigilant in such regards, as should we all.

~THLady Kale al-Raqqasa

From the Chronicler

May has been a busy month for our Shire. First our neighbors had their annual Treasure Chest War which was well attended by members of Wintermist. Kali and I were there in the capacity of merchants, but we visited with a number of our friends and held out households annual 'Ogre-egg Hunt' to celebrate our anniversary.

Next our Shire had its 25th anniversary Tournament followed by a fantastic potluck feast! Our new protector was determined on the field of battle (see the back page) and their Majesties, Mansur and Eilidh honored us with a plethora of awards (see the article on page 2 by Lord Ardgall). The A&S display was abundant, nicely illustrating the artistic talents of our shire. The feast was excellent with a variety of dishes from salads to desserts. (My personal favorites were the bacon-turtles and the red velvet cupcakes - oh, and the home-made sarsaparilla! *Mmmm*). I feel this once again proves that our shire knows how to do feasts!

The month and their Majesties reign ended with their final Court and Coronation of Sven and Cassandra in a beautiful Gothic church in downtown Caid. We visited with friends, enjoyed a fabulous lunch spread, perused beautiful scrolls which were presented to their recipients, and watched the various ceremonies and presentations throughout the day. If you missed it, there's always the next one in the fall. I recommend you go at least once.

~Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa

From the Crown to the Crowd

On the 25th Anniversary of our Shire, Their Royal Majesties Mansur and Eilidh honored a full eighteen of our populace and an entire household (over 20% of our active membership!) with awards from their hands. The persons receiving these honors were:

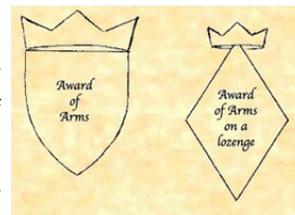
- Sophia Bako – Order of the Crescent and Flame (Arts & Sciences / Bardic)
- Lazlo Miklosfi – Order of the Crescent and Flame (Arts & Sciences / Bardic)
- Lord Ardgal mac Domnaill – Award of Arms
- Lady Bako Miklosne Piroaska – Award of Arms
- Lady Caspar of Wintermist – Award of Arms
- Lady Estrith Rasmusdatter – Award of Arms
- Lady Jani Shirazi – Award of Arms
- Lady A'isha al-Raqqasa – Order of the Dolphin
- Lord Bako Miklos – Order of the Dolphin
- Lady Colette Olivier la Fournier – Order of the Dolphin
- Lord Da'ud ibn Ma'bad - Order of the Dolphin
- Lord Jonathan Sawyer – Order of the Dolphin
- Lord Einarr Grabarðr – Order of the Harp Argent (Leatherwork)
- Master Manus le Dragonier – Order of the Harp Argent (Heraldry / Illumination)
- Lord Raynor Boleheude – Order of the Harp Argent (Armor)
- Lord Edward Blosseville de Monreale – Order of the Crescent Sword
- The Honorable Lord Alexander Aethelwulf – Order of the Gauntlet
- The Honorable Lady Kalè al-Raqqasa – Order of the Lux Caidis (Surface Decoration)
- The Horsemen of Judgment Keep – Order of the Crossed Swords

Paths and Belt Colors:

In our Society we have three peirage paths and several belt colors that are customarily used to indicate rank. The Paths are: Fighting, Service, and Arts.

As a heraldic point of interest, if you have received an honor from the Kingdom that includes an Award, Grant, or Patent of Arms, you now have 'arms' rather than a 'device'. You can also display additional things above your shield or lozenge, and the Flourish of Heraldry will be glad to help you with that.

One final note: As with most awards, the certificate received is a promissory rather than a full scroll. The scrolls come later as the College of Scribes can process them. An Award of Arms scroll includes a depiction of the person's arms, along with a simple crown of four points above the shield or lozenge, indicating Royal sanction for their display, as in this graphic from the College of Scribes (the fourth point is hidden behind the front point). If the person does not have registered armory, then the final scroll cannot be prepared by the College of Scribes, SO... if you do not have a registered name and device, here is yet another reason to contact your friendly neighborhood Herald and begin the process. Congratulations to all!



~Lord Ardgal mac Domnaill, deputy herald

Coming Home to Wintermist

As I began to prepare to attend my first SCA event in 15 years or more, I was very excited to return and realized how much I had missed spending time in the NEW middle ages. The thought of putting on garb (some loaner, some retooled to fit) and celebrating the day with friends was something that I needed desperately. As I dressed for the shire anniversary, I was almost giddy with excitement. Once we arrived on scene, George and I were drawn back into the friendly and loving embrace of the shire. Walking around the encampment and greeting old friends and new was a step back in time for me to when I was a newcomer to the big city of Bakersfield and was embraced by the loving people of both Wintermist and the university group.

I had such fun at the event! It was a glorious day. I wore gorgeous garb and George wore a beautiful tunic (thanks to friends), and I felt very special. I did learn that day that there is no use in trying to avoid the queen because she will always find you. I don't know why I was surprised because it happened all those long years ago, too!

I thank one and all who made the day wonderful.

~Alienor Mighelles

Musings from Potrero War

As a war fighter I have always found Potrero to be a bit disappointing. First, it is hot. So hot that last time I went I had the memorable experience of throwing my sunglasses on the dash as we went past the border patrol check point and then searing them to my head when I put them back on a minute later. It is dry. So dry, that I once overheard a local saying, "I just wish it would rain here...not so much for me, I have seen it...but for my son. He's only seven." It is also dusty. So dusty that weeks after war is over you will blow your nose and tiny countries will fall out. This compiled with the no fires, no late partying and the fact that traditionally we fight an average of 8 battles at Potrero. That's not a lot of fighting for your buck. Still, it is a war and as I stated at the beginning I am a war fighter so off to Potrero War I went. Grumbling, pissing and moaning...but I went.

It started pretty much as usual, the Horsemen showed up at the reasonable hour of 3 AM on Saturday morning. After setting up all of our tents we all bedded down at 4:30ish looking forward to a short day of fighting on minimal sleep.

When I got to the field the first thing I noticed was that I actually had some sweat. Actual, honest to goodness sweat! It wasn't just steaming immediately off my body from the blazing heat. The weather was actually a lovely 80ish and a big chunk of the battles were being done under the cover of trees.

Next I saw Sir Valrik and Sir Thorfinn barking and screaming at people to get them into battle formations. Come to find out, due to the outstanding work of the two men I just listed, there were 28 battles on Saturday and 26 on Sunday. That is a lovely amount of fighting that was worth the drive!

Despite the massive amounts of clashes very few tempers got out of control and the ones that did were immediately jumped on by the marshals and handled with great care. It was outstanding fighting.

The night held surprises as well as people had come up with creative and unusual ways around the no fire issues and the night life was pretty amazing. The days of old where the entire site was basically quiet by 10 had passed and now there was a quiet camp and a loud camp and the loud camp did it's thing until the wee hours of the morning.

What my silly fighter brain forgot was that many smart people are running these events and they hear the complaints people like me. Since last I attended Potrero war many things had been fixed and taken care of. All in all it was one of the best wars I have been to in some time. My hat goes off to those who ran that event. Well done...well done indeed.

~THLord Alexander Aethelwulf

Wintermist Day of Games

Event Steward: Master Donn, Son of Fergus
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Come join The Shire of Wintermist for our Day of Games, Fighter Practicum & Academia on June 29th from 8AM to 6 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church - 2525 Belle Terrace, Bakersfield, CA . Fun indoor and outdoor games for the young, and the young at heart. Arts and sciences displays, demonstrations, classes and instruction. An early music symposium for those who want to listen, learn or participate. A potluck picnic/barbeque, with a competition for crock pot dishes. There will be a Fighter Practicum with special guests. Training, instruction and challenge fights.

Classes/demos include:

- 1st session – Period Board Games – Clothes through the ages for GWW – Cheesemaking – SWEBC wall panel painting – List shield painting – Onsite Capital Letter painting for scrolls – Early Music instrument exhibition
- 2nd session – Early Music instrument instruction – Juggling sticks – Henna tattoos – Chicken bastilla cooking – List shield painting – Onsite Capital Letter painting for scrolls - SWEBC roundtable on future projects – Chairs, Tables and more

There are cooking facilities onsite. Meats for the BBQ will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet for the potluck at the Events Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/515718091796679/> . The rules for the crockpot competition are: Main dish. May be started offsite but must be finished onsite. Period food preferred, but not required. You must include an ingredient list. Recipes encouraged. The prize is a cast iron dutch oven.

Site Fee(s): Tournament: \$7.00 adult members, \$3.00 youth members, \$5.00 surcharge for non-members. Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc, Shire of Wintermist Merchant Information: Merchants allowed with valid seller's permits. Contact the event steward.

Fighting Path:

Knights are distinguished by a white belt, an unadorned gold chain and spurs.

Squires are students of knights, learning the ins and out of what it means to be a knight. They customarily wear a red belt

From SWEBC

Have you ever wandered around an event or war, longingly looking at all the period encampments, yearning, “I wish my set-up looked half this good...?” Shire of Wintermist Encampment Beautification Committee, or SWEBC for short, was spawned from just that scenario. A group of Wintermistians longed for more realistic day events and war encampments.

Our first (and ongoing) project was to enclose the encampment with a wall comprised of canvas panels that had Shire members’ heraldry painted on them. We have nearly 100 feet of wall that will be our most visible wall along the front boundary of our Great Western War in October. Our goal is to have doubled that by wartime.

As part of the Beautification Plan, we have standardized the panels, making templates for borders, background (shield, badge, or lozenge), and snowflake and cross of Caid patterns, for those who want to paint their arms upon a panel. We have standard colors and instructions to help members that are unable to attend a workshop. We will be scheduling another workshop soon.

Our second project is now underway. The committee is working on an entrance that will connect to the panel wall and is meant to encourage visitors to the encampment to come through the central gate.

We are looking for more members who share our Dream to participate in creating a beautiful and period encampment and we encourage Shire members to work on their personal projects and are available to help with encampment questions and projects.

On the horizon for SWEBC, we will be looking to make the Shire pavilion more user friendly—making the side walls taller (so our tall members do not bump their heads every time they enter) and create some extension shades so the populace is not standing in the sun during court.

Please come join us. You can contact the committee through me.
~Lady Roes’ Meurdoch

Arts & Science Path:

Laurels are members who have earned the highest award for their expertise in a particular Art or Science.

Their symbol is a laurel wreath

A&S Peers take on apprentices as their students who are distinguished by a green belt.

Arts & Science Competition Categories

- **June: Youth/ Marriage**
- **July: Summer/ Victory**
- **August: Sunshine/ Play**

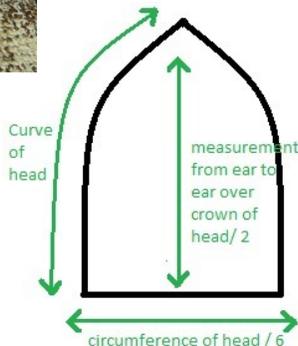
Remember: Your entry can be any period technique, as long as it represents the theme of the month.

How to Make a Six-Panel Hat

At our anniversary, I received many compliments on my hat. Examples of six-panel hats were found in the digs in Birka, Sweden and is also the basis for the Rus and Mongol hats. In the Turkish culture they wore a hat known as a Tarpus, which resembled a pillbox hat. For my hat I used the six-panel hat method to recreate the look of the Tarpus.

To make one of your own is actually quite simple. First you need to create the pattern for the panels. Measure the circumference of your head, and divide this number by 6. Then measure over your head from ear to ear at the point where you want the hat to sit by your ears and divide this number by 2. Finally take a wire or pipe cleaner and mold the wire from the center point of your head to the point you want the brim to rest. This is the curve of the panel. Now draw out the panel on a piece of cardboard for your pattern. When you cut out the panel add about 1/4 to 1/2 inch to allow for seams.

Decide what type of material you would like to use. The Norse used wool, I chose a patterned cotton for fun. You can even use suede. Once your panels are cut out of your chosen material, hold two of them with right sides together and sew up the curved side to the point. Open up the two attached panels and lay another panel against one of them so that right side are facing, then sew these together in the same manner. If you wish, make a second in the exact same manner to serve as a liner. Add a strip of fabric around the brim, and some trim for added decoration, or you can use fur for the Mongol or Rus look. For the middle-eastern touch, sew some beads to the point and voila! You have your own culturally adapted six panel hat.



~A’isha al-Raqqasa

Picture and diagram by A’isha

Coronation

Wintermist received a lot of attention and recognition at coronation. The presentations to both the outgoing and incoming Royals were much appreciated as were all the contributions to the luncheon.

Congratulations to Lady Verina Caelistia for getting her AoA from their Majesties Sven and Cassandra. Congratulations also to Master Martin FitzJames for receiving the Legion of Courtesy. Finally congratulations to Kieran of Wintermist for becoming the youth champion for her majesty.

~Lady Estrith Rasmusdatter

From the Fellowships

Culinary Fellowship: On June 23th we'll be diving into the fascinating world of cheese, as I show you how to make your own soft cheeses, that everyone can take home, and demo a hard cheese like cheddar and Colby. The class will be approx 3 hours long.

See the Facebook invite (or talk with Lady Colette) for more information and cost of the class. I need to have your class fee in advance so that I can pre order enough cultures and special cheesecloth for everyone in attendance. I'm sorry, but I cannot take money the day of. Please pay no later than the Shire Meeting on June 12th ~ Lady Colette

Middle Eastern Dance and Drum Fellowship met for the first time on June 2nd. We talked about what we hope to accomplish in the future, perhaps have a middle eastern themed potluck and eventually a hafla.

~ Lady A'isha

SWEBC: There are two things planned for the SWEBC in the month of June for the members of the Shire.

On Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 9am to 4pm(ish) the committee will be having a workshop at the home of Michael & Adeline to work on wall panels. Bring a 4x12 painters tarp to exchange for a tarp of your device and two shire badges (a Cross of Caid and a snowflake). We will help you gesso the panels and draw out the designs and help paint if time allows. Remember that it is suggested that each camper should have three panels- a personal device panel for the common encampment wall and two Shire badges for the wall also.

Now if you don't plan to camp with the Shire at places like Great Western War but like the idea of having a large display of your heraldry for your camp SWEBC has an opportunity for you at the Games Day Event on Saturday, June 29th! We will be doing a demonstration of the complete wall panel process including a list of materials during the day and you can take the class and then do it yourself. Or talk to us at the Shire Council Meeting and for a \$10.00 fee we will gesso, outline and paint a device panel for you. Or leave a message on the SWEBC Facebook site by the 22nd and we will prepare your device for the 29th.

So now you have two options for getting a wall panel or more. Attend the workshop on the 22nd or pay (a donation to the Shire) for a panel to have on the 29th. Either way we hope you help beautify the Shire. ~ Master Manus

Fellowship of the Bling: Greetings one and all!

As the new chancellor of the jewelry making fellowship I am excited to help people acquire the skills need to make all the pretty shiny things they want. We will start with group craft and move in to specialized classes. I have looking over my notes for my Viking wire weaving for starters. If you are interested please contact me so we can work on days and times to meet. An as always the meetings will always be.. B. Y. O. P (Bring your own precious) ~ Lady Elena

Clothing Fellowship: Greetings Clothiers! I had a wonderful time shopping at F&M's with her majesty Eilidh and Baroness Eridana the Friday before anniversary. Though suitable fabrics are hard to find there it is always well worth the trip to see if you can find that gem.

We are well into the busy time of our SCA year and I'm sure many of you need to refresh your wardrobes. Now it's the time to start planning any new outfits for GWW.

Thursday sewing circle is moving locations to my house. String meeting will still be first Thursday of the month at Stacey's house. Looking forward to seeing all of you looking grand.

~ YIS, Lady Estrith Rasmusdatter

Service Path:

Pelicans are members who have earned the highest award for their service to the society. Their symbol is that of a pelican pricking it's chest with its beak (the myth goes that this is to feed her chicks - the ultimate sacrifice)

Service Peers take on protégés as their students who are distinguished by a yellow belt.

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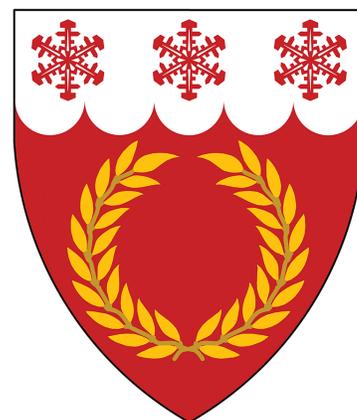
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Current Champion of
Wintermist and Protector of
the Flock



Lord Raynor Boleheude

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