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Spring!



*Shaped Tiles in the 'Cuerda Seca' Technique
late 14th century
On view at The Met Fifth Avenue in Gallery 460*

"A brilliant but short-lived episode in the history of Anatolian ceramic production was the appearance of tiles decorated in the so-called cuerda seca ("dry cord") technique. In the cuerda seca process, thin bands of waxy resist maintain color separation between glazes during firing, but leave behind "dry cords" of unglazed tile. This technique seems to have been introduced to Turkey from Iran as early as the fourteenth century. These tiles are also distinguished by their curving shape, recalling their original placement—probably on the exterior of the polylobed tower of the Mevlana Turbesi (Tomb of Rumi) in Konya."

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Upcoming Events

March 11-19: [Gulf Wars XXXI](#) (Lumberton, MS) (K, Prince, Princess). Registration is now closed.

March 25: [Defending the Gate XVI](#) (Spotsylvania, VA). Recreate the Battle of Otranto! Martial, A&S, feast, merchants welcome.

March 31-April 2: [Spring Coronation 2023](#) (Upper Marlboro, MD). (K, Q, P, P). Join Storvik and Their Majesties/Highnesses for: Coronation! Fighting! A&S! Feasting! Merchants welcome! Camping available! Leashed pets permitted, period containers for alcohol, fires in site's fire-rings and fire bowls only.

April 15: [Ponte Alto's Baronial Birthday Bloodbath](#) (Vienna, VA). Heavy Bear Pit, Rapier Melee, Heavy Melee, Rapier Tourney, Slavic Gaming tables, Bardic Circle, A&S displays, snacks come with registration. No merchanding.

Regular Baronial Activities

Locations to regular baronial activities on the last page. Well, regular during a more normal time period. **We currently do not have a site for in-person meetings.**

Populace Gathering: March 19th (note change) Virtual only, 6:30-9 PM. Zoom starts at 6:30, meeting at 7 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

Storvik Fighter Practice: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 7-10PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Archery Practice: See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

Equestrian Practice: All levels welcome. See the Facebook event page for further information.

Dance Practice: March 6, 13, 20, 27, 8-10PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Martial Related A&S: No Martial Related A&S meetings this month. See the [Facebook Event Page](#) for further information.

A&S: Virtual A&S Symposium (SASS). No SASS this month. See the [Facebook event page](#) for contact information.

Baronial At-Home: Not at this current time.

April 15, 2023 – Performers’ Revel

Barony of Storvik - Bowie, MD.

(Please note, this is a "Baronial Activity" rather than an official Kingdom Event.)

Continuing a tradition whose origin is lost in the mists of time ... on Saturday, April 15th, the ancient and venerable Performers' Revel will take place in the vasty halls of Caer Bear. This is an event OF performers FOR performers BY performers! The call goes out to all musicians, singers, poets, dancers, actors, storytellers, jugglers and other practitioners of the performing arts. Novice performers are particularly encouraged. Are you perhaps learning a new art or skill? Are you perhaps reluctant to perform before a packed and noisy hall? Then this event is especially for you! By longstanding tradition, we have no audience - everyone who attends must contribute at least one performance. But fear not! The definition of "performance" is quite elastic. Give it a try!

PRACTICALITIES: By ancient custom, the revel will be held at the home of Baron Igor Bear and Baroness Fevronia Murometsa, 2204 Amber Meadows Drive, Bowie MD 20716. The site is wet (as long as you are 21 or older) and very cheap! The hall opens at 10am, performances usually start around noon and continue until the last vestiges of energy run out. Once again, Lady Alicia of Cambion, assisted by Baron Igor, will provide proof that cooking is a performing art! The only fee is \$12 to cover the food, if you want to partake.

[NOTE BENE: small children may find the need to sit quietly rather tedious, so parents may want to make appropriate childcare arrangements].

Site: 2204 Amber Meadows Drive, Bowie MD 20716.

Site Restrictions: Um Don't be a turkey?

RESERVATIONS: Baroness Fevronia Murometsa (Kathleen Sobansky) 2204 Amber Meadows Drive, Bowie, MD 20716. Again, please note, this is a "Baronial Activity" rather than an official Kingdom Event. Checks for the food can be made out to Ed Sobansky. (Any monies beyond actual costs will be donated to the Barony of Storvik). Please let us know of any food allergies or requirements.

DIRECTIONS:

Take the Beltway/I-95, 495 to the MARYLAND exit for Route 50. Take Route 50 East, towards Annapolis. Go about 6 miles to the exit for Route 301. Take Route 301 South. Go down about 2 miles to Mitchellville Road (it is a traffic light). Turn right on Mitchellville. Go about 1/4 mile to Arbor Hill and turn right. Take Arbor Hill until it T-bones into Alderwood. Turn right on Alderwood, then take the first left onto Alstead, and an almost immediate right turn onto Amber Meadows Drive. We are 2204 Amber Meadows Drive, 3rd house on the left. Our phone is 301 390-4428.

QUESTIONS:

May be directed to Baroness Fevronia Murometsa, owlharp@juno.com or 301-390-4428.

Greetings from their Excellencies!



OYEZ! OYEZ!

Baronial News Highlights

Maugie Concerts: Maugie's Facebook page situation has been repaired*! Concerts are going on! See [here](#) for more information.

From the KM: St. Andrews Church has removed the restrictions for the indoor mask mandate for Storvik fighter/dance practice and is instead using a "personal masking preference" guideline. They ask that we open the windows during practice.

Praise the Praiseworthy: Their Excellencies welcome recommendations for awards, as always.

*Or, as he put it:

*Because of that hacker's foul play
My old Facebook got took away
So cut me some slack
Just 'friend new' me back
I've suffered enough, dare I say*

How hard it is when first the Muses call,
So bright and clear, to the awakened mind
All starting efforts seem too mean and small
No true reflection of the soul's design.

Each fault, each flaw, and every curs'd mistake
Cavort before the eyes like maenads wild
The heart sings high, but hands refuse to make
Those visions breathe; ill-formed, they lie reviled

But Perseverance and her handmaid, Toil
Do hard and faithful labor, day and night,
On works that seem disfigured, ruined, spoiled
And bit by bit, they two make all things right

Withstand the stings of Imperfection's darts
And someday you will master all your arts

Lady Teleri Barod
2018

Baronial Meeting Notes, February 12, 2023

Meeting started at 7:09 PM. 13 adults.

Officers' Reports

Seneschal

Lady Marguerite Honoree d'Cheneau/J. Chenault

- Website is back, but event registration is not yet back.
- Went 101/201 Seneschal classes.

Deputy Seneschal

Lady Julianna ad Aquam/A. Cheripka

- NTR

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Lady Mirabella/M. Gretsinger

- The Oak is back up.

Chatelaine

William de Hirst/B. Fisher

- A couple of new people showed up at practices, Google Group.
- Prospective Deputy Chatelaine took Chat 101 class. She has ideas, one step closer to Deputy.

Knight Marshal

Master Celric d'Ravelle, private citizen/D. Bartlett

- People coming to practice

Exchequer/Equestrian

Doña Zarra de la Vega/L. Churchill

- Equestrian: NTR
- Exchequer: 13.5 K in bank, money set aside for events, meetings, 6.3K CoH.
- Still needs receipts!
- Working with church to get a new contract, haven't gotten it finalized yet.
- Barony needs to go over financial policy. Will work with Seneschal on putting that together.

Chronicler

Lord Morgan O'Lathlann/M. Lane

- The Drekkar went out.
- Articles!
- Worked on website with SMOs/Seneschal.
- This is last renewal of warrant.

Social Media Officer

Lady Sonya/S. Gross

- Archery: NTR
- Social Media: did Facebook work. Took classes at University about accessibility, and on building social media / (Herald) Getting photos for Instagram, list of ideas of what to do on TikTok, posting stuff on Twitter.

Webminister

Diana Della Torre

- The site is revamped. Please take a look at it, make suggestions.

- We have permanent domain names for BotB and Novice.

Deputy Chatelaine

Vacant

Herald

Lady Rose/E. Stark

- Doing consultation tables on Mondays at practices. Accessibility class suggestion: get banners showing the awards.

Youth

Astrid Spakona/E. Whitlock

- Talked to Kingdom about youth stuff.
- Will be doing youth stuff for Novice, BotB, teaching university. Could use a second adult for help at those events.

MOL

Meisterin Kunigunde/R. Green

- Not present

Baronage

Thegn John and Thegn Gracia/J. and G. Hutchings

- Will be at Ymir.
- Took MoL class at University, let us know what people are doing. Will go through the bins to find the award banners; so will the KM.
- Checking on if there's a team for Revenge of the Stitch.

Events:

- Coronation: planning is underway, A&S are doing well, in contact with Royals about planning, need MoL, KM, trying to get the website up. Talked to SMO for information involving porta-potty company. Excheq: Atlantian website has Adult/Nonmember at \$20; should be \$25? Can be Marshall in charge, needs royal schedule for activities. Baroness: all changes to budget must be confirmed by kingdom, because kingdom event. Chronicler: is now Field (including merchant) coordinator. People at Monday meetings to get registrations. Discussion on how to register in a SCARSless world.
- Awesomecon: is happening, June 16-18. Asked by management for more movement-based things. Fighting demo. Plenty of volunteers. Can't find old receipts. Will see what he can do. Seneschal wants to be #2 again, asked about garb-related stuff. Barony could do a panel. Needs people.
- Novice: need a reservationist; Excheq will do it. 95% staffed; working on budget. 80 at feast? Still wants to do Newcomer court.
- BotB: Chronicler may be field coordinator for BotB, too. Working with Lochmere to get volunteers. Looking for various positions to fill. Exchequer will be reservationist, but not gate. Needs Herald, A&S, accessibility. Theme is water battle (water pistol fights).

Old Business:

- Cheverly group: Seneschal reached out to Kingdom. Group doesn't need anything, has space for stuff. Space cannot be rented.
- SASS: Current host confirms, doesn't want to host that anymore.

New Business:

- Seneschal: there's a free version of Slab: internal wiki. Wants basic information for every event going forward documenting what we did, who did what, etc. Talk to the Seneschal about it.
- New fighter at practice: they might need the key for loaner armor.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM. Next meeting on March 19, 2023, via Zoom.

Scylla

Noble Maugorn the Stray

Dear Scylla, should you choose me first to die
I pray you know, I would not be averse
My screams and agonies will be no lie
As watching me, my comrades' dreads grow worse

Or if upon our crew you choose to dine
And I am not the first, I'd think it just
But nonetheless, the honour would be mine
To share their fate consumed by your sweet lust

But Scylla, I must wish, must hope, must pray
Although the time for favours is long past
Before in your clawed hands I die today,
Before I leave this wretched shell at last,

To glimpse before I take my final breath
The sight of our cruel Captain's crueler death

(2016)

Charybdis

Noble Maugorn the Stray

Charybdis, from Your halls of abalone
Your transcendental confluence below
Wherein You sit, upon Your perilous throne
You beckon me, Your currents dark to know

The sailors You've collected, piece by piece
Betrayed, unworthy by their mortal cries
But yielding to the maelstrom's fond surcease
While salty tears still swirl through empty eyes

I do not heed their weeping, warning roar
I dive headfirst towards the churning foam
With one last breath as from the rocks I soar
Abandoning the air, I plummet home

I spiral down, I treacherously tread
Until I rest, Charybdis, on Your bed

(2015)

Song of the Thespian Dead

All speak of Sparta; their unconquered dead
Loom large in souls and minds of men;
With tales, so full of blood and dread.
Nor shall we see their kind again.
At Thermopylae they plied their trade
To fight and die in deadly shade.

But they were not the only Greeks
To raise proud shield 'gainst Persian foe.
And when retreat the Grecians seeked
The Thespians declined to go.
They stayed, and fought, and did their part
To paint that pass with gruesome art.

The Thespians paid dear to stay;
First all were slain, then Xerxes' rage
Despoil'd their lands, to make them pay
For their disdain of gilded cage.
Though 'King of Kings' still lost his war.
And fled, broken, to Persian shore.

All know the name "Leonidas:"
The Spartan King who died so well.
But who speaks of Demophilus;
Which bards still sing of him as well?
- But Grecian life and ways remain;
Those unsung deaths were not in vain.

Lord Morgan O'Lathlann
(2017)

Baronial Regnum

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Baronial Champions**Archery**

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Arts & Sciences

Lady Alicia of Cambion

Bardic

Lord Charles Alexander

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Lord William

Ethereal

Lady Marguerite de Cheneau

Heavy Weapons

Lord Marcus de Rath

Rapier

Lady Marta de Lyon

Youth

Populace meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm via Zoom. Baronial business will be conducted at 7pm.

Fight practice (armored and rapier) and **dance practice** are held each Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave., College Park, MD 20740, at the corner of College Ave and Princeton Ave. off of Route 1, south of Paint Branch Pkwy. 7 blocks from the College Park/U of MD Metro on the Green Line.

Archery practice currently canceled: usually on Sunday 11:00am at Adelphi archery range, 2800 University Blvd E, Adelphi, MD 20783; equipment-making at Lord Cameron's during inclement weather.

Storvik Arts & Sciences Society: 9426 Canterbury Riding, Laurel, MD. Right off I-95 exit 35A. Free unassigned parking.

Baronial At-Home:



Release Forms

Want to share something in the Drekkar? Give me legal permission to do so!

Please send submissions to

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