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# A Pompeii Holiday



*Some of Pompeii's ruins, with Mount Vesuvius in the background.  
Lady Sonya Flicker, called Patches, took this picture of the famous town  
while touring Italy with her husband and several friends.  
For more of her photos of Pompeii, please turn to page 6.*

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## Upcoming Events

December 7-8: [Unevent](#) (online) (Q, K, Pr, P). The Kingdom's annual business meeting. If you are an officer or member of a polling order, or if you have any kind of warrant, you should log in. Modern clothing requested.

December 13-15: [The Festival of Saturnalia](#) (Nanjemoy, MD). Dun Carraig hosts a weekend of martial and A&S activities with a Roman-style feast. Inaugural SeaDogs Run coursing event.

December 21: [Yule Revel](#) (Cheverly, MD) (Q). Storvik offers fun activities and classes at this free event. See complete details in this issue.

January 11: [Kingdom Twelfth Night](#) (Newport News, VA) (Q, K, Pr, P). This Roman-themed extravaganza includes Tempore Atlantia, Royal Bard, and other A&S competitions, topped off with a gluten-free Roman feast.

January 18: [Highland Hearthglow](#) (Thurmont, MD). Highland Foorde hosts an event focused on the art of fine feasting. It sold out early.

January 25: [Midwinter's Revel: Lunar New Year](#) (Lothian, MD). Indoor event features a series of day boards with the foods of China, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia.

## Regular Baronial Activities

Locations of regular baronial activities appear on the last page. **We currently do not have a site for in-person populace gatherings.**

**Populace Gathering:** Next gathering Sunday, December 15: Virtual only, 6:30-9 PM. Zoom starts at 6:30, meeting at 7 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information or watch the Storvik email list at <https://groups.google.com/g/storvik>.

**Storvik Fighter Practice:** December 9 and 16 and January 6. 7-10PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park. NO practice December 2, 23, and 30.

**Archery Practice:** None at this time.

**Equestrian Practice:** Off for the winter. All levels welcome. See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

**Dance Practice:** December 9 and 16 and January 6. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Usually gets going around 8 PM. NO practice December 2, 23, and 30.

**Martial Related A&S:** No Martial Related A&S meetings this month.

**A&S:** First Tuesday of every month at a private home. See the [Facebook event page](#) for contact information. Text 202-680-9314 for exact address.

**Baronial At-Home:** Not at this current time.

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# ***Come to Yule Revel!***



Storvik will be hosting a Yule Revel on **Saturday, December 21!** We will have lots of fun activities and classes. Please come and join us as we celebrate the end of one glorious year and begin another exciting year. The event will be FREE!!!! If you can bring a dessert to share we would appreciate it (or you may give a donation to the Storvik baronage travel & hospitality fund).

**SITE:** Cheverly Community Center, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785

**GATE OPENS:** 12 noon

**SITE CLOSES:** 8 p.m.

**EVENT STEWARD:** Maestra Tirzah di Nola, [LLTirzah@gmail.com](mailto:LLTirzah@gmail.com)

## **Martial Activities:**

We have been granted use of a covered outdoor pavilion for both armored and rapier fighting.

### **Armored Fighting**

**Inspections and authorizations:** start at 12:30

Armored fighting will **begin** promptly at 1:15 pm.

Armored fighting will consist of a **heavy bear-pit** in which additional points will be awarded the first time a fighter wins with each weapons form.

Additional weapons will be on-hand for those who want to fight in a given form (that they

are authorized in) but that need to borrow.

## Rapier Fighting

**Inspections and authorizations:** start at 12:30

**Bring Your Best Form Bear Pit:** 15 minutes after authorizations are complete.

**Pickups:** Immediately after Bear Pit until 30 minutes before court

### Rules:

- The bear pit will run for at least an hour depending on numbers and interest
- One point per win, you may hold the field for up to 4 wins
- No wounds retained
- Bring your best (or your favorite) form to the field
- Standard Atlantian blow conventions (thrusts and draw cuts)
- Double kills count as a loss for both fighters
- Best 2 of 3 passes
- In the situation that the best 2 of 3 passes is tied due to a double kill, both fighters will return to the line and will not receive a win.
- Winner reports to the MOL
- In the event of a tie at the end of the main tournament, a best 2 of 3 single elimination bracket will be held to determine the winner

## Arts & Sciences Classes and Activities:

Class Topic	Instructor	Cost	Max Students	Time
Silk Painting	Dame Emma West	\$10	15	12:30 pm
The History of Wassail	Dame Daniela Schwartzhaupt	\$3	No limit	1 pm
Leather Working Talk	Lord Hamish MacLeod	No cost	No limit	1 pm
Bardic Circle	Lady Brigit Donn	No cost	No limit	2 pm
Basic Blackwork	Countess Mary Isabel of Heatherstone	No cost	6 participants, unlimited watchers	2 pm
Decorating Gingerbread	Noble Minna McLelland	No cost	10	3 pm
Brewing	Master Ruaidhri an Cu	No cost	No limit	3 pm

War Tactics	Thegn John West	No cost	No limit	4 pm
European Dancing	Patches (Lady Sonya Flicker)	No cost	No limit	5 pm
Bobbin Lace Demo	Lady Orla Carey	No cost	No limit	Ongoing

## Class Descriptions:

**Bardic Circle:** Join fellow bards and story tellers to share a song or story or 2.

**Blackwork Basic:** Learn the basic stitches used for creating intricate blackwork patterns on Elizabethan clothing. Please bring a small (6") embroidery frame, scissors and magnifying readers if needed. Instructor will have project materials and half a dozen frames available to loan.

**Bobbin Lace Demo:** Lady Orla will happily demonstrate or discuss bobbin lace with the populace.

**Decorating Gingerbread:** Get your decorating juices flowing. Learn about the history of gingerbread and then decorate some gingerbread cookies.

**European Dancing:** Join Patches for European dance class. Partners not necessary and all levels welcome. Dances to be done will depend on participant interest. Live music provided by Maugorn and any other musicians who wish to join.

**The History of Wassail:** Class will cover the history of wassail, what wassail means, and create your own personal sachet blend to take with you. A material fee of \$3 for the class.

**Leather Working Talk:** A discussion on leather working in the SCA period.

**Silk painting:** A discussion of banners/flags that were used during the SCA time period. Review of the modern Serti technique of creating silk banners versus the historical way Dame Emma has been researching and experimenting with for over the last decade. For a supply fee of \$10 a small silk piece can be created during the class using the modern recreation of a historical method. A list of items you will need to produce your own silk item will be discussed in class. Please bring a cartoon (black and white outline) no larger than 8"X8". In the class we will be working with dyes so there could be a potential for mess. The bathrooms are large enough to change clothes.

**War Tactics:** Join Thegn John West in a discussion on small team's tactics 5-10-15 man groups for use in SCA fighting.

## Feast:

There will not be a feast. Instead there will be a potluck and dessert day board. Please bring a dish or a dessert to share.

*(Photo on Page 3: Lady Patricia of Trakai)*

# Photos of Pompeii

All photos by Lady Sonya Flicker, called Patches  
Taken in Italy on September 27 and 29, 2024



Top left: Reconstructed body of a person who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 C.E. Top right: A countertop on which Roman "fast food" was served. Lower photo: Fragment of a fallen wall.



Above: A sports training facility. Imagine holding fighter practice here!

More images will appear in future issues of the Drekkar. Or you can see them in The Oak, Atlantia's A&S publication, at <https://oak.atlantia.sca.org/pompeii-2024-album-contains-adult-content/>.



***On November 18th at Storvik practice we hosted the 7th Salt and Steel Tournament and had 8 participants.***

***Congratulations to Master Cailin Blackwood, our overall winner! And congratulations to our courtesy winner, Master Jacques Gonsel!***

***Tune in on December 20th for the 8th installment of the Salt and Steel Tournament!***





**The 15th Storvik Oar and Board Monthly Tournament was held on November 25<sup>th</sup>. The tourney consisted of a round-robin fought to the best of 2/3 bouts. Each of the 10 fighters had to use a weapons form they had not yet won a singles tourney with.**

**Sir Shoprat, fighting sword and buckler, was our martial champion. Lord Fritz, fighting with a mighty great sword, was elected our chivalric champion.**

**Prizes were turned wooden bowls generously donated by the estate of the late Baroness Brenna of Storvik.**

**Note that there will be NO Oar and Board next month. Till next year!**

## Greetings from Their Excellencies!



*Hola Storvik,*

*The nights are now long, and winter is coming. The harvest festivals are finished, and we look towards the Yule fires, and Solstice's promise of warmer days ahead. But even if Thanksgiving is past us, we still remain thankful for the members of Storvik, and their ceaseless work to support and grow our Barony.*

*Last month we attended Crown Tourney – vivat to Prince Abran and Princess Anya, new Heirs to Atlantia – and gusted at Highland Havoc and Holiday Faire. Now it is Storvik's turn to be host! Our Barony has revived our Yule Revel of old, so come join us on the 21st of December at Cheverly for a day of classes, activities, and companionship. Bring a dessert, bring your arts and artifacts, but most of all: bring yourselves, as we gather, and celebrate the return of the sun.*

*With the New Year comes more winter travels; we will first journey to Twelfth Night, and travel far to sample the icy*

*revelries of Ymir. If you find yourself at either, know that we will be happy to see you, and to have you join us. If you do not, know that we will miss you all, and look forward to the time that we can all join a common fire.*

*It has been a very eventful year. We hope you will always remember that the Barony is here to give aid and companionship to its members, whether in good times, or bad. We also hope that you all have a happy holiday season, in whichever way you celebrate the turn of the seasons, and the ending of the year.*

*In Service,*

*John and Gracia*

*Thegns, Storvik*

## OYEZ! OYEZ!

### *Baronial News Highlights*

#### Reminders from Master Celric, Storvik's Knight Marshal:

- 1) All non-members (those without a blue card) are **\*\*required\*\*** to sign the practice waiver prior to picking up a weapon.
- 2) If you are using loaner gear, especially armor, it needs to be inspected by a marshal to ensure it fits *\*your body\** effectively prior to you fighting in it.
- 3) If there is a problem – i.e., weapon breaks, armor failures, injuries – Master Celric needs to be looped in every time.



Maugie Concerts: Maugie's Odd Thursday Concerts are going on. Next one is on December 19<sup>th</sup>. See [Maugie's group on Facebook](#) for more information, or ask him to put you on his email list.

From the KM: St. Andrew's 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.

## Skol!

### *Wordfame for those in Storvik's hall*

*As promised, we have more complete names for the four Storvik fighters who were inducted into the Order of the Silver Osprey at Fall Crown Tourney. They are Christopher of Storvik, Robin of Storvik, Robert of Storvik and Forannán Glórach. The Silver Osprey recognizes non-belted fighters who have distinguished themselves by their effort and shown excellence on the heavy field. **Vivat!***

## **Baronial Meeting Notes, November 17, 2024**

Meeting started at 7:09 PM. 15 adults attending.

### **Officers' Reports:**

#### Seneschal

*Lady Teleri Barod / J. Lennon*

- Proposed changes to Corpora, commentary sought.
- Need to get signature card info to Zarra - will have off last week of the month, get done then.
- Chronicler alias request sent.
- Website permissions - need to get warrants for Morgan and Patricia.

#### Archery Marshal

*Lady Sonya / S. Gross*

- Nothing to report.

#### Chatelaine

*Lord William / B. Fisher*

- More newcomers coming to practice, some email contacts.
- Anna Piper asking for dance demo for a school, passed along to Patches.
  - Couple dozen people.
  - History and demonstrating dance.

#### Chronicler

*Lady Patricia / P. Daukantas*

- The Drekkar went out.
- Article from Patches for December.
- Send more articles!

#### Equestrian/Exchequer

*Doña Zarra de la Vega / L. Churchill*

- No more equestrian practices.
- Exchequer: Wrote one check to Tirzah for Battle on the Bay site.

#### Herald

*Lady Rose / E. Stark*

- Nothing to report.

#### Knight Marshal

*Master Celric / D. Bartlett*

- Please see the update written by Sonya on the mailing list, Facebook page and in last months Drekkar; December is checkered.
- Both practice-based tournaments (Oar & Board and Salt & Steel) continue to be well attended.

#### Minister of Arts and Sciences

*Lady Mirabella / M. Gretsinger*

- No report.

#### Social Media Officer

*Lady Sonya / S. Gross*

- Getting things to email list.
- Posting things on social media, including the Yule Revel schedule.
- Made a FB event, will send to email list shortly.
- Do we want a Bluesky handle? Even if we don't use it?

#### Webminister

*Mistress Marguerite / J. Chenault*

- Morgan is willing to take over the position

#### Youth Officer

*Lady Astrid / E. Whitlock*

- No report.

#### Baronage

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

- Looking forward to Yule Revel
- No travel for a few weeks
- Will be at Saturnalia in Dun Carraig to run a tavern on Friday, 12th Night, Ymir

#### **Events:**

Craft Demo in Cheverly - report

- 10 newcomers

Dessert revel Dec 21 --> Yule Revel, official event/fundraiser

- Laura will be deputy for Tirzah day of event
- Have a schedule set up, 11-12 classes, games, bardic, dancing, brewing roundtable
- ROYAL PROGRESS – Queen plans to come!

March 22 - Performer's Revel at Cheverly

- Fevronia and Igor happy to see event moving to new site
- Sonya will autocrat
- Budget at next meeting
- Alicia of Cambion wants to use as opportunity to introduce the curious to feastocrating

AwesomeCon 2025 4-6 April (email)

- no update, but sometime in December we're going to have a meeting to nail down new asset construction and volunteers for that. Will be having big updates, opportunities to help, etc., in January.

LEAFS April 24-27

Novice 2025

- 20-22 June
- Laura is the autocrat, will be assembling her team and budget

Battle on the Bay 2025 4-6 September 2025

- Tirzah reserved site
- Olivia from Caer Mear is autocrat

### **Old Business:**

- Rose looking for event sites in DC
- List fence returned to storage shed
  - At least one upright damaged. Spiaggia will reimburse
  - Need someone to assess, determine cost to fix
- Approve \$100 for the construction of new list fence pieces to replace the old and busted ones prior to Crown Tournament, Teleri motions, Sonya seconded. Motion passes BUT requires Exchequer approval for release of funds
  - Exchequer approves

### **New Business:**

- 2025 St Andrews Rental
  - Zarra moves that we allocate \$3400 for the 2025 rental contract, Teleri seconds. Motion passes.

- Initial Social Media Policy meeting
  - Purposes of baronial web/SM presence: information for those seeking it; advertising to those in the SCA; recruitment for new members
    - Website should be canonical source of baronial info
    - Instagram is the place to be for recruitment (per interactions at AwesomeCon)
    - Differing opinions on the value of internal SCA SM advertising
      - Cannot rely on algorithms to ensure information gets in front of eyeballs
      - But it can be useful
  - Dec 1st for follow up (tentative), email last time distro list + Patty and Rose
  - Teleri will set agenda
  
- Storage Unit Policy needed
  - Seneschal, Exchequer and Quartermaster should have the codes
  - Quartermaster (or Exchequer) must know what's going in and out
  - Officers can provide codes to 3rd parties
  - Change padlock code afterwards with a reasonable amount of time  
Herveus so moves, Zarra seconds  
Motion passes
  - Ask about the gate code, see if there is a way to change it that does not involve onsite paperwork
  
- In-person meetings at Cheverly
  - Concerns about whether the tech at the site will enable a true hybrid meeting, where both virtual and onsite people have good communications
  - We will do a test run of the facility at Yule Revel, Teleri to coordinate with Laura
  
- Bluesky (bsky.app) handle
  - Motion to reserve a baronial handle. Teleri moves, Herveus seconds, motion passes

Teleri ended the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Next meeting: December 15<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

# Baronial Regnum

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## **Baronial Champions**

### **Archery**

Lady Sonya Flicker

### **Arts & Sciences**

Lady Alicia of Cambion

### **Bardic**

Lord Charles Alexander

### **Equestrian**

Lord William

### **Ethereal**

Mistress Marguerite de Cheneau

### **Heavy Weapons**

Sir Marcus de Rath

### **Rapier**

Lady Marta de Lyon

### **Youth**

Paul of Storvik

**Populace meetings** are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (none scheduled at this time).

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

**Baronial At-Home:** Not at the moment.



### Release Forms

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

Please send submissions to  
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