



From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

Unto the sun-warmed populace of Skraeling Althing do Baron Shahid al-Hasan and Baroness Catherine send greetings.

The drums of war are fading, and We look forward to the new songs of peace that fill their place in the air. While there are fewer events during the cold months of winter, We know that Our populace is not idle.

Our warriors repair and upgrade their kit for the war season to come. Our artisans toil behind closed doors to create new wonders. Our volunteers work tirelessly to keep things running throughout the year.

All of you are valued. All of you are needed. All of you have something to share.

We would take this time of transition to remind Our populace that taxes are due at Feast of the Hare, on November 5, in Our Canton of Caldrithig.

We are, at heart, an educational organization – and one of the most amazing aspects of the SCA is the amount of knowledge that is freely shared. The theme for this year's taxes is 'Teaching and Learning'. We request that all members of Our populace both teach a skill they know, and learn a new one.

We look forward to hearing your tales of knowledge gained and shared.

In Service,
Shahid and Catherine
Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing





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There will be a PDF posted on the Baronial web page, www.skraelingalthing.com, ranging as far back as the May 2010 issue. Any member who wishes can subscribe to receive an e-mail when the latest issue of the Chronicle becomes available. In order to do so, please send an email to the Chronicler.

As well consider joining the Skraeling Althing Facebook group (Skraeling Althing Chronicle).

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From the Webminister:
Unto the populace of Skraeling Althing does Baroness Catherine send greetings.

Great things are coming to the Baronial website. As many of you know, I am in the process of overhauling and redesigning the site. I am happy to report that this is progressing well. More info to follow soon.

In Service,
Catherine.

From the Chatelaine:
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In Service
Lady Constance Payne.

Alienors' A & S Adventures: A Submission by **Fiona Stewart.**

Over the next year, I will be working on a White Wolf Fian challenge. The White Wolf Fian is an A&S challenge order in Ealdormere, which encourages artisans to take on projects which are a personal challenge to the challenger, and which increase their knowledge and skills. Pure research projects are not allowed – challenges should include producing an item (or group of related items). Challenges typically take six to twelve months, though extensions are allowed.

My challenge was to run some experiments on a variety of modern and reproduction spindles, to test what kind of yarn they are best for making and how efficient they are. This is mostly a research project, but as per the challenge guidelines, I will be producing a group of related items – a big pile of sample skeins of yarn. My study will be based on a similar study by Karina Gromer [1]. I'll be making a few changes from the original study:

The original study used real extant whorls from the Hallstatt salt mine. Not having access to real extant whorls, I'll be using handmade soapstone whorls of three different weights. I'm also going to compare results from three modern spindles; a disc-shaped whorl, a rim-weighted whorl, and a Turkish spindle.

I'll be comparing empty spindles to a spindle with 50 g of yarn on it already.

In the original study, Gromer tried making different thicknesses of yarn with each spindle. I will be making one thickness of yarn with each spindle – whatever thickness comes most naturally.

The original study assessed suspended and supported spinning. I will also be experimenting with holding the spindle in my hand and twirling it with my fingers, a technique that is shown in lots of illuminations.

To make sure that the results aren't too biased by my own habits, I'm collecting samples of yarn produced by other spinners.

So far, I've completed the experiments for one spindle (the medium-weight soapstone one), and collected samples from three other spinners. I've already noticed differences between supported and suspended use, and between how it behaves empty to how it behaves full. Watch this space over the next year for articles describing my findings. If you'd like to contribute spinning samples, find me or my display at an event, and if you have an idea for a challenge of your own, feel free to talk to any Fian member.

[1] K. Gromer 2005: Efficiency and Technique – Experiments with Original Spindle Whorls. In: P. Bichler *et al.* (eds): Hallstatt Textiles –

Technical Analysis, Scientific Investigation and Experiments on Iron Age Textiles. British Archaeological Reports International Series 1351, Oxford 2005: Archaeopress, 107 - 116

Events

For all events and gatherings, please contact the local group to confirm specific information.

More details on Kingdom events can be found on the Kingdom of Ealdormere web page at <http://www.ealdormere.ca/>

Around the Kingdom:

Huntsman's Harvest: Saturday, October 1st 2016. To be hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth. More details to follow; please consult their event web-site for more information.

The Fall Crown Tournament: Saturday, October 22nd, 2016. Hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth. Held at the Rockton Fairgrounds, 812 Old Highway 8, Rockton Ontario. Please consult the Kingdom of Ealdormere Web Site Event schedule for complete directions to the event. Further announcements may be found on the events web page.

Queen's Prize Tourney: Saturday November 26, 2016. Details to be announced. Please see the Event Calendar page on the Kingdom web site for more information.

Wassail 2016: Saturday December 3, 2016. The event will be presented by Bryniau Tywynnog. The location will be the Shakespeare and District Optimist Hall, 3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare, Ontario.

From our Barony:

Feast of the Hare: Saturday November 5th, 2016. Hosted by the Canton of Caldrithig; consult the Kingdom Event Calendar for further information.

Upcoming Demo:

October 1st 2016: Military Family Resource Center fall fair. Site opens at 10; event ends at 3 pm. The Center (which is located near the airport in Ottawa) is hosting a Fall Fair and has requested the SCA assist in providing some medieval flair. According to the notes of Lady Constance Payne, there will be a cooking A&S competition held for the event, complete with a prize (actual prize to be announced later.) Lady Constance has asked that we prepare our favourite period food. Cold dishes would be best, as fire will not be available and easy access to electricity for crockpots or cookers can not be guaranteed. She asks that the food be made, and written up by the cook. The write up needs to disclose the name of the dish, the name of the cook (preferably the SCA name) and the place or time that the food originated. Also included should be a brief description of the food: its background, history or anything else that the cook considers interesting. An ingredient list should also be included. Lady Constance has said that she would be bringing extra documentation pages for the event. The above information courtesy of Lady Constance Payne.

Baronial Gatherings

Harrowgate Heath

Canton Meetings

First Sunday of the month

Scribal nights

7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month

7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of every month

Sewing Nights

7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month

7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month

Armouring & General A&S

7:30 to 9:30 pm every Monday

Armoured Combat Practice

Thursdays at 7 pm

Archery

Schedule varies month to month

Tor Brant

Gatherings vary from month to month.

Please contact the group to confirm

Caldrithig

Armoured Combat Practice

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Rapier Practice

Thursdays at 8 pm

Choir Practice

Sundays at 2:00 pm

Canton Meetings

Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4 pm

Instrumental Practices

Sundays at 12:00 pm

Dance Practice:

Tuesday Nights 8-10:00 PM

McNabb Community Center

180 Percy.

Greyfells

Canton Meetings

Held at the Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day,
monthly on the following dates:

Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day



British Library, Additional MS 42130, Folio 176v

<http://bestiary.ca/beasts/beast4483.htm>

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Pontifical of Guillaume Durand, Avignon, before 1390. Paris, Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, ms. 143, fol. 165r

<http://discardingimages.tumblr.com/post/51164316319/bunny-hunter-pontifical-of-guillaume-durand>

Request for Content Submission

The next edition of the Chronicle will be published and shared in December of 2016. As always I would be honoured to accept submissions to be published within these pages. Please, send me your tales of daring, your reminiscences, your songs and your poems. Send me your upcoming events, or the lessons that living in this glorious era has taught you. If you have a new project you have been very proud of, share that as well. Send me your tales of the Society. I would only ask that you make such tales brief (perhaps 200 words) so as to help your often long winded Chronicler keep the issue of a comfortable size. I am requesting that any submissions be sent to be my by November 29th of this year so that the December chronicle can be composed early in December.

Yours in Service

Consaidin Breathnach