

Skraeling Atching Chronicle



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Letter to the Barony

From the quill of the Baroness and Baron

Greetings Skraels.

In normal times, these past few weeks would have been very busy across the Barony. The Upper Canada Village demo would have once again been a huge success (We are using Our Baronial predictive abilities here, just go with it ;)); the summer camping season would have started, with anticipation for Trillium War and Pennsic to come.

But of course, these are not normal times.

Yet, even in these uncertain times, the people of Skraeling Althing continue to amaze with your enthusiasm and spirit.

A number of Skraels are playing key roles on Privy Council, supporting Their Majesties and the Kingdom through very turbulent waters. Not to mention all of those who are serving in local and baronial officer positions, keeping our groups going and supporting what activities can still take place. Thank you all for your continued hard work.

But we have also seen so many Skraels going above and beyond to support the community. Whether it's coordinating or teaching online courses, producing video projects to help keep us all connected, or contributions outside the SCA to make our communities healthier and safer for all. You are embodying the chivalry and honour that is the purpose of the SCA.

In that spirit, we would be remiss if we didn't mention the broader societal challenges that we are all facing right now. As a historical and education organization, we like to focus on being in the moment of our pre-16th century personas. But we are all affected by what is happening right now across North America and around the World. What affects our broader community also affects our game.

At last year's Practicum, We spoke about the importance of making our game open, accessible and welcoming to all. Of course, diversity, equity and inclusion in the SCA is not solely about race and cultural background. But we also can't ignore the very real inequalities these members of our community and SCA family are facing.

Harassment, bullying and discrimination have no place in our game, and certainly not in Skraeling Althing.

Recently, HE Gina Dragoni, Skrael's Seneschal, announced an initiative to improve how diversity is reflected on the barony's digital presence. You can [send her an email](#) or check her note on FB for details. Volunteers passionate about diversity are most welcome to assist.

Though the roads ahead for us all may be uncertain, We take comfort in the strength of Our populace and it's resiliency. Please stay safe, well, and socially distanced until such time as we can all rejoice together again.

Avelyn & Dafydd

Saying Goodbye to Harrowgate Heath

After several years of struggling to maintain a viable and active canton membership, the canton of Harrowgate Heath has been closed down.

The remaining members requested dissolution of the canton last autumn and the Board of Directors voted this past Spring to allow the dissolution.

All kitchen and serving goods were donated to the Bastille de Lac; and monies were donated to the Barony bank account, earmarked for the new Baronial travel fund; the herald's mantle and archery equipment was donated to Caldrithig.

You may notice that there are still references to this canton on some web pages. We are in the process of removing the reference to this once excellent canton. I will take the opportunity to thank Lady Morag Taylor for her diligent work as Seneschal for the last four years.

In Your Service

Baroness Gina Dragoni

Seneschal, Barony of Skraeling Althing

Seneschal's Note

The wish has been raised by members of the populace to better reflect diversity on our website. Diverse representation of our members is important. It will help us create a more welcoming atmosphere for newcomers and to reflect the diversity of our own members.

In order to do this, we are looking for a couple of volunteers to form a very small committee to help us review the way we are showing diversity in our digital presence (including social media) and to ensure the populace has an opportunity to provide it's own self-guidance. We are looking for a few good people who have the time digitally: to meet, discuss, and review images that can be used. We want volunteers who are passionate about this and want to use their voice to show their perspective that anyone can play in the SCA. We will need a variety of illuminations, photos and original artwork (what the Barony could look like). Any interested volunteers, please contact me at Seneschal@skraelingalthing.com

Thank you,

Baroness Gina Dragoni

Skraeling Althing Seneschal

Absent Friends

A Poem by Lady Dsc of the Harbours

They are not gone who danced with us before.

New feet trace out old steps; new voices rise

In ancient tunes; the colours that they wore

Still flicker in the corners of our eyes.

They are not gone whose faded banners hang

Above the list where new blades crash on shields.

We learn anew the battle-songs they sang

And hope they hear us still in other fields.

They are not gone who wore these crowns of old,

Though empty chairs are scattered through this hall.

Their laughter weaves through ours like threads of gold.

They are not gone; so charge your glasses all,

And raise them in the last toast of the night:

To absent friends -- in memory still bright.

Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion

by Lady Aoibheann MacEwan

Janet Kempe, OP, Baroness of the Court of the East, known mundanely as Nicole Chaffey, considers herself to be a dilettante. Her talents and interests are broad as well as deep, which she proved by securing the title of Skraeling Althing Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion at Break the Back of Winter in the Stronghold of Greyfells on March 7, A.S. 54.

She has long been a member of the Society, beginning at a Beltaine event in A.S. 28 in the Canton of Seashire in the East Kingdom. She spent 16 years in Seashire before moving to the Barony of Seagirt for 4 years. She then arrived in Ealdormere and spent time in Septentria before returning to Seagirt for another 4 years. Finally, in the summer of A.S. 54, she became a member of Caldriithig, in our Barony of Skraeling Althing.

Janet is no stranger to the arts and sciences, nor to Championships. She has previously entered the Northern Shores Championship, the Northern Lights Competition twice, and Seagirt's own Baronial Championship.

Her interests include primarily clothing research and construction, and embroidery, which inspired her Championship project. She has recently picked up tablet weaving as well. She also enjoys cooking, dancing, fencing and archery.

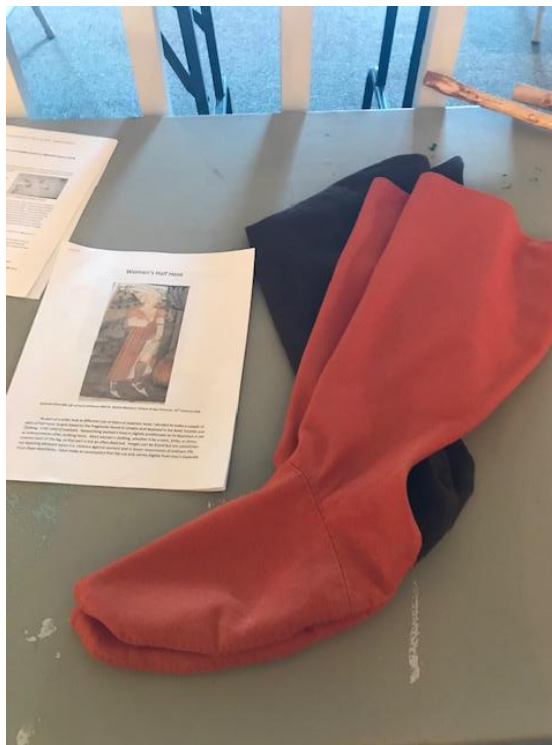
For her winning A&S project, she made personally fitted and handsewn hose in both wool and linen, which she proudly declares as her socks. She based them on the finds described in *Medieval Finds from Excavations in London: 4 Textiles and Clothing C. 1150-C. 1450*, from the Museum of London.

When asked about her inspiration, she tells me that she simply needed new hose as her old ones developed holes. She submitted 2 pairs of hose based upon period examples and drafted by herself in a study of the multiple styles and cuts she found, which are part of a larger project intended to be entered into the Kingdom A&S Championship.

Janet is also no stranger to service, dedicating herself to the betterment of the Society as an event steward many times over, as the Canton of Seashire's Exchequer, as the Principality of Tir Righ Exchequer and as a landed Baroness of Ruantallan.

She looks forward to the chance to get to know the people of Skrael when we are all able to be together again.

Wassail to our new A&S Champion! Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!



Top: Their Excellencies Skraeling Althing presenting Janet Kempe, OP, Baroness of the East, with the accoutrements of the Baronial A&S Champion. Photo taken by THL Elsebeth Ffarberynn.

Bottom: The winning A&S submission. Photo by THL Elsebeth Ffarberynn.

Official mailing lists and pages

Want to keep up-to-date with our current mailing lists, Facebook pages, and web pages? You can find us at:

Baronial

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2334791875/>
- Web page: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/>
- Chronicle Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Skraeling-Althing-Chronicle-322326026435>

Cantons

- Facebook pages:
 - Caldrihtig: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldrihtig/>
 - Greyfells: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225292100927968/>
- Web pages:
 - Caldrihtig: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldrihtig/>
 - Tor Brant: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/torbrant/>
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Events Around the Kingdom



For details on Baronial events see the Barony of Skraeling Althing web page at <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/>



For details on Kingdom events see the Kingdom of Ealdormere web page at <http://www.ealdormere.ca/>

Baronial Gatherings

Practices and Meetings

Please contact the local group to confirm details for specific scheduled gatherings. Please note that at this time all in person meetings are postponed due to the current state of emergency. Please contact the local group seneschal for information on when meetings may resume.

Caldrithig

Canton Meetings

Second Sunday of the month at 4 pm

Dance Practice:

On Hiatus - Restart TBD

Armoured Combat Practice

On Hiatus - Restart TBD

Rapier Practice

On Hiatus - Restart TBD

Instrumental Practices

On Hiatus – Restart TBD

Choir Practice

On Hiatus – Restart TBD

Scribal Nights

On Hiatus

Subscribe to Facebook Group [Skrael Scribes](#) for up to the minute details

Cooking Group

Monthly

Subscribe to Facebook Group [Skrael Culinary Group](#)

Greyfells

Canton Meetings

Contact the seneschal for further information.

Tor Brant

Rapier/Armoured Combat Practice

Tuesdays at 6:30pm Sept-June

Gatherings vary from month to month. Please contact the group to confirm the next scheduled activity.

