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If we are to live by our core values then there is only one path forward: we must both fight against systemic injustice and support those that do.

As the unique educational organization that we are, we have the opportunity to leverage our greatest resource: our community. It is our community that makes us who we are. That is the true value of the Society for Creative Anachronism. We treasure the rich diversity of our community as a reflection of the rich diversity of history...

This quote is from a statement published by Baroness Zahra Tesfaye, SCA Corporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer on June 2, 2020.

(Read the full statement at <https://www.sca.org/news/from-the-sca-office-of-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/>.)

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Upcoming Events



Feast of the Hare

November 21, 2026

Greely Legion

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Greeting to the populaces of Caldrithig, the Althing, and farther afield! We hope that you will honour us with your presences at Their Excellencies Baroness Constance and Baronit Ya'el's first Feast of the Hare as landed nobility! To honour last year's tax request, our theme will be in a Maritime vein, with much seaworthy fun and festivities. In addition, we will be hosting a largess derby, and hope that you will do your part to ensure a vast array of marvelous gifts for our new baronial pair. Wassail!

Elsewhere in Caldormere (and beyond)

- **Stone the Crows** hosted by the Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin), September 12
- **Feste des Bois** hosted Havre des Glacees (Trois Rivieres), September 11-13
- **Step Spritely** hosted by the Canton of Monadh (Mississauga), September 19
- **Fall Coronation** hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Lindsay), September 26
- **Crown Tournament** hosted by the Canton of Monadh (Caledon), October 17
- **Queen's Prize Tournament** hosted by House Arrochar and the Shire of Bastille du Lac (Lindsay), October 24
- **Wassail** hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Twynnog (Shakespeare), December 5

Event Reports



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BELTAINES XXXVI (11-14 June): An intrepid band of brave lapine folk journeyed into the lands of the Sleeping Dragon and of the Ice Castle, where they were met with much good cheer and revelry by the populace of the East Kingdom. They returned to our lands in good health with happy tales of dancing and joyous company. May the stars align and bring a return of this event in future years!

At **MURDER MELEE IN THE MEADOW** (6 June): The Court did witness our own Dame Helen of Greyfells and Lord Galfrid the Thynne receive the Royal Charter and Scroll of Honour from the hands of King Crispin II and Queen Laura I, bestowed upon them for their many years of service and faithfulness to the Crown of Ealdormere. Wassail for these worthy representatives of the Althing!

THE BARONESS'S BUNNY BALL (20 June): The Bunny Ball gathered Hares from throughout the land to see Bunny Tails extended to Ealasaïd NicAbhsalain, Alisoun de Ryvere, and Tara of Caldrithig. One of Us! The Award of the Hare Valiant was given to Ceallach Aisteach na Snag Brea and Their Excellencies bestowed rings as tokens of appreciation upon all who generously shared their gifts of music with the dancers.



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WAR OF THE TRILLIUM (30 June-5 July): A stout company ventured from the fair realms of the Althing to journey to the untamed wilds of Septentria. Beset with the most treacherous of weather, many of our valiant band were forced to flee, leaving only the most stalwart to represent our noble cause. These valiant souls upheld the lapine banner of our righteous quest, in poet's hall, in waters wading, and in the festivities of the Survivors Party. They returned weary and sullied, yet somehow beset with a desire to pitch their tents anew.

TORWYN HILL ENCAMPMENT (31 July-August 9): Despite ill winds continuing to harry our hearty Hares, our Barony was present in ample numbers. Dancing was organized by Mistress Christabell Wensleydale and enjoyed by many throughout the week, our good Mistress Marie l'Englois assembled a choral group whose voices uplifted the encampment, and the Barony made a respectable showing in the martial arts with Maestre Sebastian de Sandoval taking the first bout of First Blood and fair Lisbet winning a special archery prize, Yeoman of the Wolf.

In the Court of Their Royal Majesties Crispin I and Laura II, there came the announcement of the new baronial rulers of Skraeling Althing. Baroness Custance Payn of Kingeston and Rebbeh Ya'el bat Shilo mibeit haMaayan were summoned forth to accept these honours, with Master Giovanni de Enzinas adding to the chorus of wassails with "Wassail for Grandkids!"

The Honourable Lady Lorette de Chasteauneuf was then inducted into the Order of the Crucible by King Crispin I, who noted that his reign was fueled by coffee.

Finally, after embracing the physical and mental demands of his 24-hour vigil, Sebastian de Sandoval was called forth for his elevation to the Order of Defense. In this, his peers did grant unto him many a gentle boon and wise counsel. Duke Baldric Leeman of NewCastle Emlyn shared his musings on virtue and humility as a knight. Duchess Breyla La Viennette's words did speak as a Pelican, extolling Sebastian's gifts of teaching, guidance, and marshalling. Rytsar Varakii Varenko Idanovich spoke as a Laurel of faith – the faith that inspires Sebastian's ability to secure his place despite his moves across many kingdoms and his faith that fencing is a worthwhile activity. Countess Anneke the Furious then spoke of Sebastian as Rapier Champion during Her reign, boasting of the joy he brought to the pursuit of martial excellence. Words of congratulations were then shared from



wellwishers in the Kingdom of the West. Lastly, the learned Dottore Rigel Gulya quoted the Order of Precedence amongst the Masters of Defence, and presented unto Sebastian the noble sword and collar of his station; Meister Albrecht Stampfer presented a second collar in token of his regard; and Master Giovanni de Enzinas conferred upon him a knitted cord, a badge of his Order.

A hearty Wassail to the many Hares who were recognized at this event!



Photo by Master Martin Bildner (Richard Schweitzer)

THE QUEEN'S MARQUE (15 August) – The first-ever Queen's Marque, hosted by the Canton of Petrea Thule, saw several members of the Althing honoured by our gracious King and Queen. Baron Wilhelm von Pottruff was elevated to Court Baron while the Honourable Lady Amalthea was made a Companion of The Order of the Wain.

EALDORMEREAN EXHIBITION (22 August): This most noble occasion was chosen for the Baronial Investiture, and a very merry day was had by all (with the possible exception of our deposed former Baron, whose blood besmirched the hands of his executioner and the floors of our fine hall). Nearly five score of good Gentle folk did travel o'er our fair realm to bid farewell to Their Excellencies, Baron Joffr Rodson and Baroness Dubhessa ni Ulliam, and to welcome Baroness Custance Payn of Kingeston and Rebbah Ya'el bat Shilo mibeit haMaayan as they ascended to the Lapine thrones.

In the final Court of Baron Joffr and Baroness Dubhessa, Their Excellencies first received the residue of taxes owing to them. The Honourable Lady Amalthea of Skyridge and Lady Sadb ingen Uí Fáeláin presented to them a quilted tapestry, wherein two conies did gaze lovingly at stars embroidered by the hands of gentles of the Althing. In the words of the Royal Herald, Maister Colyne Stewart, "Secrets abound in this banner."

Following this, and with thanks for excellent service, Their Excellencies dismissed their Baronial Champions: Lord Philib mac Daibhidh (bardic), Sir Shahid al-Hasan (fighting), Master of Defence Sebastian de Sandoval (fencing), and THL Lorette de Chasteauneuf (A&S). Wishing to have a day without ceremony and circumstance, Their Excellencies also commanded their staff to take a day of rest. Maister Colyne



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Stewart (court herald) and Honourable Lord Michael Corviser (steadfast retainer) were then released.

Several gifts of thanks were then bestowed from 'Their Excellencies' hands.

- A bench, decorated with three hearts and a dragon's head with a unicorn horn, was given to Duke Baldric and Duchess Breyla for hospitality shown to 'Their Excellencies' and to visiting dignitaries.
- Upon Maister Colyne Stewart was bestowed another bench as thanks for serving as 'Their Excellencies' voice and close counsel for five long, glorious years. This bench was decorated with a fox reading from a scroll.
- Þorfinna kennari gráfeldr was gifted a 6-panel box for being the Great Maker of the Baronial reign, responsible for creating scrolls, props, and shenanigans throughout 'Their Excellencies' time. This box was decorated with a raven and ribbons.
- THL Michael Corviser was awarded a scroll entitling him to the title Lapine Houndsbucksman for good service.
- THL Gwendolyn of Aldburg was granted Tennant in Chief of prescribed lands modernly known as the Experimental Farm, for service on the field.
- To hold balance within their households, Countess Kniaginia Xristina Viacheslavova was granted pomestya over Garden Island and Howe Island. Rytsar Varakii Varenko Idanovich was granted pomestya over Amhurst Island.
- Finally, 'Their Excellencies' welcomed Adam of Ravensburg with a bunny tail with love. One of Us!



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In the Morning Court of Their Royal Majesties of Ealdormere, King Crispin II and Queen Laura I, were a number of honours extended to good Gentles of Skraeling Althing.

- Lady Marguerite of Boldt Castle and Lady Erinn of Lindsay both received their Award of Arms for their righteous service to our Kingdom.
- Ealdormere noticed that Sadb ingen Uí Fáeláin dances well and bestowed upon her the Award of Orion.
- Porfinna kennari gráfeldr was elevated to the Order of the Crucible for her excellence in the Arts and her generous service to the populace of Ealdormere.

Their Excellencies, Baron Joffr and Baroness Dubhessa, were then called before Their Royal Majesties to be released from their fealty. In their place, Their Excellencies recommended Baroness Custance Payn of Kingston and Rebbeh Ya'el bat Shilo mibeit haMaayan. Finding this fitting, the Royal Herald called forth these nobles.

Ere their ascension to the lapine thrones, the King summoned Baron Joffr. Our once noble ruler was chastised by the sovereigns of the realm for consorting with suspicious persons in the Eastern Salient, as well as poaching dragons held dear by Their Majesties. The sentence of death was proclaimed, and a Royal Assassin with swift dispatch came forth to eradicate this traitorous baron from our realm.

There followed the most heinous and bloodiest of murderous deeds, which this Chronicler quakes with fear to recall. The Baron's grieving widow was then led away, in her most lamentable state, to a nunnery where it is supposed she will spend her days amongst the most holy of women.



Photos by Lady Lydia of Tyldenre

Baroness Custance and Baronit Ya’el then took their comfort on the thrones of Skraeling Althing, pledging to be the good and faithful lieges of Their Majesties and the land of Ealdormere.

After this most portentous of dawns, the tidings of the Exhibition did unfold. Our Exhibitors displayed the most wondrous variety of arts and sciences, and enjoyed many engaging conversations with those in attendance. Displaying their creations were:

- THL Amalthea of Skyridge: Arrows
- Arthos: Ballads and bardic
- Duchess Breyla La Viennette: Embroidery
- Armingier Ceallach Aisteach na Snag Breac: Chainmail
- Baroness Constance of Caldrihtig: Embroidery
- Mistress Cristabell Wensleydale: One Kirtle Many Ways
- Baroness Eleanor of Bonwicke: Scribal Arts
- Dame Helen of Greyfells: Costuming
- Master Iohn Spooner: Woodworking
- THL Katrina Prebensdotter: Woodworking
- Baron Lachlan Mac an Toisich of Benchar: Glass and Metalwork and the inner workings of a fantastic clock
- Lady Lydia of Tyldenne: Knitting
- Lady May of Ye Wolde: York Plays
- THL Nicola Canis): Armour
- THL Nicole Campana: Organette and Bells
- Lady Odilia Philippot: Payn Ragoun
- Dottore Rigel Galea: The Apothecary
- Lady Sadb ingen Uí Fáeláin: Weaving
- Lady Sibylle Katterina Holloway: Leatherworking
- Meister Wilhelm von Pottruff: Red Bay Project
- Rebbeh Ya’el bat Shilo mibeit haMaayan: Research

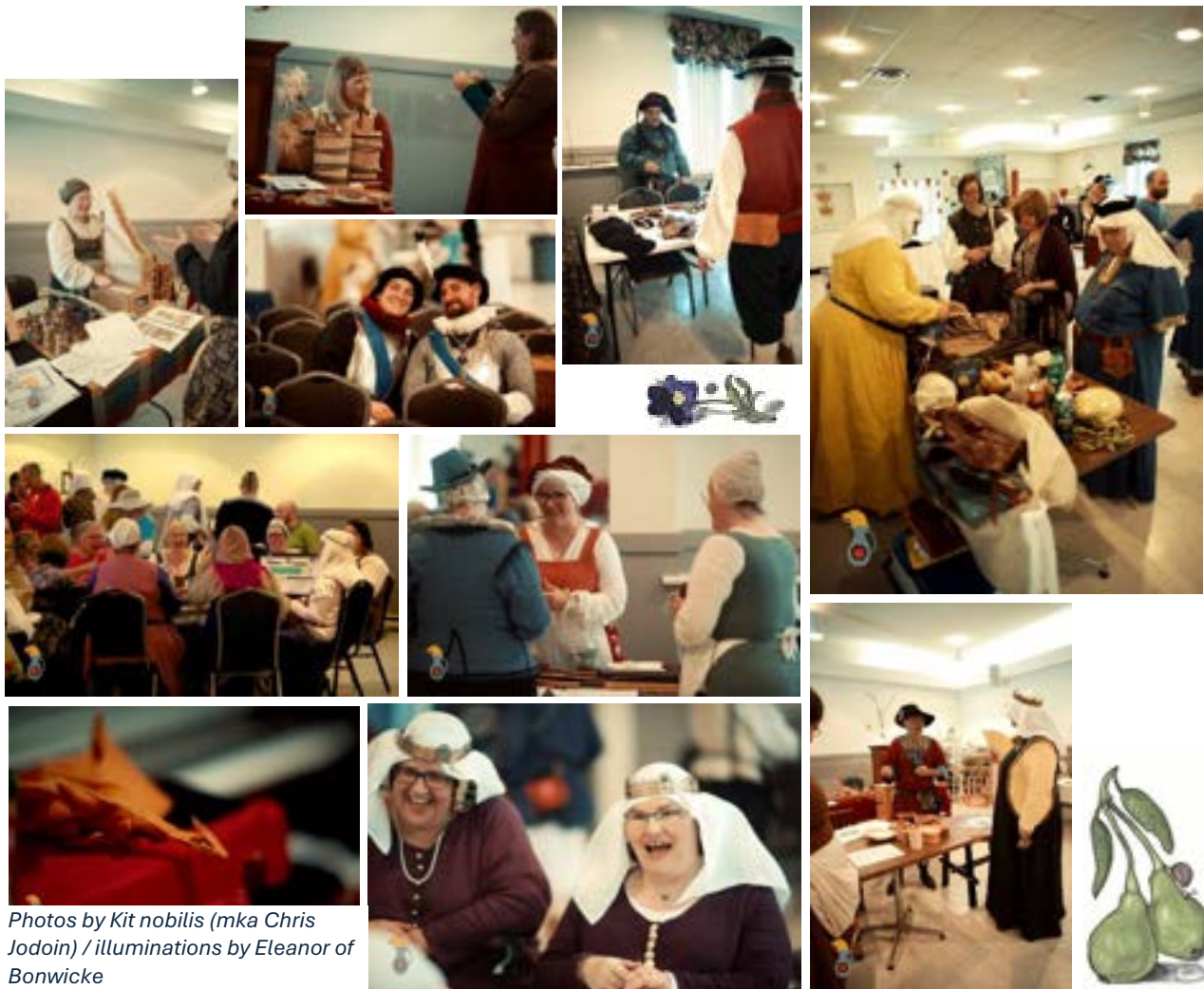
After a lovely lunch prepared by Lady Odilia Philippot, attendees enjoyed roundtables with Ollamh Emer nic Aidan (bardic) and Lady Lydia of Tyldenne (knitting) as well as a costuming/sewing session, and dance!

An afternoon Court continued to recognize the rich talents produced in the fertile soil of our own Skraeling Althing.

- Mistress Cristabell Wensleydale was awarded a Court Barony.

- Dame Eleanor Cadfan was awarded an Augmentation of Arms.
- Sir Menken Brechen received a Knighting Scroll.
- Lord Phil mac Daidhidh received the Award of Orion for his musical talents and generous contributions to creating music throughout the Kingdom.
- The Honourable Lady Cecilia the Sinister was inducted into the Order of the Crucible for her many years of bringing dance to the people of Ealdormere.
- Baroness Dubhessa ni Uilliam and (a miraculously resurrected) Baron Joffr Rodson were awarded Court Baronies in gratitude for their years of faithful service to the Crown.

The day came to a close with a most wondrous Habsburg-era Hungarian Feast from Meesteres Mergriet van Wijenhorst, a fair maiden newly arrived from our neighbouring Kingdom's far eastern shores. Furthermore, a most stirring play did unfold, led by the noble Dame Eleanor Cadfan and a sweet melody did enchant us, sung by the fair Lady May of Ye Wolde. A chorus of Wassails to all present who enjoyed this happy day.



Parting Words

Friends, Harelings, countrykin, lend us your ears,

We have so much to express and so few words seem adequate. Our step-down was everything we could have wanted from our final day as Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing. We love and adore everyone who made that day special. We are excited for their new Excellencies, Ya'el and Constance, and their time as Baronit and Baroness. Wassail to the future of our Great Barony.

We want to thank every person, within the Barony and without, who made our time on the High Seats wonderful these past five years. We are pleased and proud to have called you Ours, and our hearts are too full for words.

We remain Yours, in service,

Dubhessa and Joffr

P.S. a special thank you to everyone who cleaned “blood” off the floor... your service will go down in history!



Photo by Lady Lydia of Tyldenne

From Our Baronit



Greetings, friends and fraendr,

Baroness Constance and I would like to thank each of you for your kind thoughts and words over the past few months; we are humbled by your support.

As you can imagine, this summer has been a bit of a whirlwind (quite literally, if you went to Trillies!), but what's going to stay with me this year is that feeling of community that we've built.

I would like to share that wonderful feeling with each of you, and so I'd like to encourage each of you to nominate others for recognition, using both Baronial and Kingdom level awards, which can be found here: <https://skraelingalthing.com/wp/baronial-awards/> and here: <https://ealdormere.ca/awards/>

No matter the name of the award, our kindred - fraendr in Old Norse - get the warm feeling of being seen when they are called into court to receive it, and we'd like to encourage that. If you're unsure, I'd be happy to help!

I value ensuring people feel seen for what they do, so I encourage you to reach out to me with any ideas on how best to display all the wonderful things that the people of this Eastern corner of Ealdormere do.

In service to the Crown of Ealdormere, and our populace,

Baronit Ya'el bat Shilo mibeit haMaayan



Art by Baroness Dubhessa ni Uilliam

From Our Baroness

Greetings, fraendr.*

The name change was a hot topic during the Baronial Selection process this summer. Ya'el and I want to state unequivocally that this is a high priority for us. Kingdom has placed a moratorium on restarting the official process until the end of March 2028. Which means we have a year and a half to get our hares in a row.



To recap: Many people have raised the concern that the term Skraeling is used in white supremacist circles as a slur against First Nations people. We have heard this feedback from both our members, and strangers we meet at demos. This fact is not up for debate. We are not placing any blame or ill intent on our Founders because at the time of our founding, this was not the case. Language changes over time, and we are but one casualty.

In our eyes a name change is required for a couple of reasons:

- We do not wish to be mistaken for an organization that supports such people;
- Society adopted an anti-hate speech policy in 2021. That policy defines hate speech as “speech or symbols that offend, threaten, or insult individuals or groups, based on race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or other trait”; and,
- A poll taken in January of 2024 showed that nearly 80% of the 53 respondents were in favour of a name change.

I wish to use this moratorium to hear from you, the populace. I wish to consult on how to proceed. I want to hear whether or not you voted in the final paper poll, why or why not? If you did vote, how and why did you cast the vote you did? What do you think the name should be? If you think we shouldn't change the name, I want to hear that too, and why.

We will have to use the full registered name of our Barony in official business, so we want to be ready to hit the ground running when the moratorium is up.

We believe that we should all be able to be proud to be a member of this Barony. Help get us there.

In Service to the Crown and the Populace,

Constance

**fraendr is Old Norse for “kindred”*

A Leash of Hares



*Art by Nobile Timotheo Giuseppe di Brandimarte (mka
Philomena Lancione)*

Chronicler's Corner



Art by Baroness Dubhessa ni Uilliam

Good Gentles all,

Summer is rapidly drawing to a close, and while I will miss the long, warm days, I admit I'm looking forward to the cinnamon scents of autumn. With these longer nights comes more time to embellish a piece of garb, repair arrow fletching, or experiment with a new recipe redaction. Wherever your endeavours take you, I wish you prosperity and success on your journey.

And should you find yourself with extra time and empty hands, may I encourage you to take part in this year's Baronial Taxes? At last year's Hare, Their Excellencies expressed their wish for novelties – not novels, and not teas, but largess of divers forms to refill the coffers of the Althing. With such creativity and generosity within our Barony, I know that our treasury will soon overflow.

The changing season also heralds changes in our Baronial Council. Porfinna kennari previously announced their desire to step down from the office of Baronial Signet, and Baroness Eleanor of Bonwicke as will be taking her place. Her Excellency is well-known both for her beautiful scrolls and her commitment to ensure that each recipient is well-rewarded, regardless of their rank or status. She will be a fine Signet for the Althing.

Secondly, with the investiture of Baroness Constance of Caldrithig, our diligent Exchequer stated the need for a deputy. Nobile Timotheo Giuseppe di Brandimarte (Philomena Lancione) has been elected as Deputy Baronial Exchequer and will work alongside Lord Philip mac Daibhídh until his term ends in November.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the artists who have contributed to this issue of the *Skraeling Althing Chronicle*. I love filling these pages with art and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity. Also, I'd love more – please, and thank you.

~ sabb

Official Pages

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Facebook pages:

Caldrithig: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldrithig/>

Greyfells: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225292100927968/>

Web pages:

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Greyfells: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/greyfells/>

Discord:

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