

# Skraeling Atching Chronicle



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There will be a PDF posted on the Baronial web page, <http://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. To do so, please send an email to the Chronicler.

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# Letter to the Barony

## From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

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Warm greetings to Our slightly refrigerated Barony,

While cold, frosty air swirls across Our lands, We hope that you are all snug in your homes and castles, toasty and reflecting on plans for events and projects of SCA future.

The winter was traditionally the time when domestic work was completed by lantern, rush or candle light, with the busy days of the spring yet to come. This is just as true in Skraeling Althing.

We eagerly look forward to nearby events in the new year, and hope to see many Skraels out attending with Us. They are not far at all from our borders. Our friends in L'Isle du Dragon Dormant (Montreal) host their East Kingdom 12th night on January 5. The Shire of Bastille du Lac hosts Tournoi du Coeur de Glace on February 2, the first major tournament of the year.

We will be spending time at home over the holiday season preparing for the spring events. Dafydd will be making some silk banners to show off the might of the Barony at Tournoi. For those who will enter and fight for their inspirations, We encourage as much bright heraldry and pomp as possible. Let's show the rest of the Kingdom just how mightily fearsome Skraels can be!

Meanwhile, We rest but are not idle. We have planned many projects for the coming months to take full advantage of the "quiet season". These mainly involve refreshing certain pieces of regalia or making some needed new items. We always appreciate the chance to work with Our talented artisans and to show off your work. If you are interested in helping Us replenish some the Barony's regalia stores over the next while please send Us, or our Chamberlaine THL Emelote, a note.

We hope you all had very happy holidays. Please stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to seeing you in coming weeks and into the spring.

Always in service to the people of Skraeling Althing,  
Avelyn & Dafydd

# Why are we called Skraeling Althing?

The term Skraeling was used by Viking Age Icelanders to describe the people they met in Vinland and then by the Greenlanders to describe the Thule people who arrived in Greenland in about the 13th C. The term appears in the Book of the Icelanders (Íslendingabók). The Greenlanders' Saga and the Saga of Erik the Red, which were also written in the 13th century, use this term as well. The earliest source is the late 12th C Historian Norwegian "Beyond the [Norse] Greenlanders to the north, hunters have found small people whom they call Skraelings". (Vinland Revisited, 368).

The word skræling is the only word surviving from Greenlandic Norse, the Old Norse dialect spoken by the medieval Norse Greenlanders. In modern Icelandic, skrælingi means "barbarian". However, its original meaning is unknown. It may be related to the word skra (or dried skin, and descriptive of the clothing the Skraelings wore). It may be derived from Old Irish. Although the term skraelingar might have been derogatory to the Norse, it, apparently, was not to the Thule. The most unexpected Norse loanword found in Greenlandic appears to be the term which Greenlanders applied to themselves: kalaaliq, which derives from the Old Norse term Skraelingar. (Vinland Revisited, 370).

Althing, of course, means Parliament.

The Barony of Skraeling Althing was originally the Canton of Skraeling Althing, based in Ottawa, the site of Canada's capital and Parliament. The name was chosen as a bit of mockery of our politicians, as bad behaviour on the Hill was well known even at that time.

Meisterin Siglinde Harfnerstochter

Note:

This article has been rerun from the Fall Chronicle, as fitting to the first issue with our newest Baron and Baroness.

# Practicum 2019

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Practicum is held every year in our very own Canton of Caldriþig. A teaching and learning event that provides an opportunity for teachers, experienced and new, to share their skills, and for learners to try something new or brush up on an old skill.

This year, join us for our annual day of classes followed by a feast and ball!

Rideau Park United Church  
2203 Alta Vista Drive  
February 23rd, 2019

Site opens 9am  
First class begins 10am

Website: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldriþig/practicum/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/484731098597211/>

More details will continue to be updated to the website as the event draws nearer.

*New this year* we are offering a section of mini-classes: if you have something small you would like to teach for 15 or 30 minutes but you've never considered teaching a class on it before because you didn't want to try to stretch that idea into a full-size class, then our mini-class is perfect for you!

Also this year will be our "Just Try It" track: The perfect classes to allow newcomers (whether new to the SCA or just new to the activity) to try something out and come away with a small, tangible accomplishment by the end of the class!

YIS, your event stewards  
Cecilia the Sinister and Petronill of Seashire

# 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/>
- Mailing list: <https://ca.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SkraelList/info>

## Cantons

- Mailing lists:
  - Caldriðig: [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Caldriðig\\_Discussion/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Caldriðig_Discussion/info)
  - Harrowgate Heath: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/harrowgate/info>
  - Tor Brant: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/TorBrant/info>
  - Greyfells: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/greyfells/info>
- Facebook pages:
  - Caldriðig: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldriðig/>
  - Harrowgate Heath: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/25785975720/>
  - Greyfells: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225292100927968/>
- Web pages:
  - Caldriðig: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldriðig/>
  - Harrowgate Heath: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/harrowgateheath/>
  - Tor Brant: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/torbrant/>
  - Greyfells: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/greyfells/>





# Request for content

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Greetings Skraeling Althings!

The next Chronicle will be published the first week of April and I am looking for content.

Do you have a good story to tell, information about an upcoming Baronial event, links to new web pages, new guilds, or anything that might be of interest to members of our great Barony? Do you have a piece of artwork you'd like to include?

Please provide any submissions to [chronicler@skraelingalthing.com](mailto:chronicler@skraelingalthing.com) and I'll include it in the next newsletter.

In service,  
Giana, Chronicler



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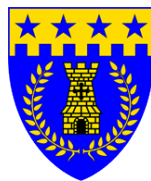
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# Events Around the Kingdom

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January 12, 2019	Septentrian Twelfth Night - Under Seige
February 2, 2019	Tournoi du Coeur de Glace
February 9, 2019	Step Spritely
February 23, 2019	Practicum
March 9, 2019	Winter War
March 16, 2019	Kingdom A&S
March 29-31, 2019	Out of Kingdom: Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: Keeping You in Stitches!

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

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

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# Baronial Gatherings

## Practices and Meetings

Please contact the local group to confirm details for specific scheduled gatherings.

### Caldrithig

#### Canton Meetings

Second Sunday of the month at 5 pm

#### Dance Practice:

Tuesdays at 8 pm

#### Armoured Combat Practice

Wednesdays at 7 pm

#### Rapier Practice

Thursdays at 8 pm

#### Instrumental Practices

Sundays at 12:00 pm

#### Choir Practice

Sundays at 2:00 pm

#### Scribal Nights

Varies from month to month

Subscribe to Facebook Group [Skrael Scribes](#)

for up to the minute details

### Greyfells

#### Canton Meetings

Contact the seneschal for further information.

### Harrowgate Heath

#### Canton Meetings

Contact the seneschal for further information.

### Tor Brant

Gatherings vary from month to month.

Please contact the group to confirm the next scheduled activity

