

Two Towers

August 2010

From Our Baron and Baroness

Ihon & Isabeau send greetings unto the Populace of Stargate.

If you haven't noticed yet, summer has arrived. We hope that all those traveling to events for the next few months are mindful to stay in the shade and drink plenty of water.

The month of July saw Their Graces Ulsted and Ebergardis win Crown, Round Table was held, and we attended a Laurel's Retreat. The month of August we will be attending a Baron & Baroness retreat and Laurel's Prize Tourney. We want to encourage our local artisans to consider displaying. This event gives artisans the opportunity to show their work to get feedback from the Laurel community. Here is the website for details :
<http://www.hellsgate-sca.org/laurels.html>

At Round Table, Their Majesties asked if Stargate would be willing to move our PED (Baronial, third weekend in April) up one weekend (to the second) so that Spring Coronation could be moved a month earlier. Because this works to Stargate's advantage by placing an extra weekend between Stargate's and Loch's PEDs while not significantly affecting the period between Gulf War and Stargate's PED, we saw no reason not to agree. There's also much less of a likelihood of Easter falling on the second weekend in April (for the next 10 years, at least).

An Arts Day has been scheduled for Sunday, August 29th at St. Giles Presbyterian church, 5900 Pinemont from 2:00 til ??????

Stay cool and enjoy the summer.

Warm regards,

Ihon & Isabeau

Upcoming Events & Meetings

<i>July 30-Aug. 1</i>	<i>Ansteorran Heraldic & Scribal Symposium (Wiesenfeuer)</i>
<i>July 30-Aug. 15</i>	<i>Pennsic War 39</i>
<i>Aug. 2</i>	<i>Business/Populace Meetings</i>
<i>Aug. 28</i>	<i>Laurel's Prize Tourney (Hellsgate/Bryn Gwlad)</i>
<i>Aug. 29</i>	<i>Arts Day</i>
<i>Sept. 13</i>	<i>Business/Populace Meetings</i>

From Our Seneschal

Greetings to the Populace of Stargate and all good neighbors near and far!

Welcome to the wonderful month of August! This month marks one year since we undertook efforts to improve various aspects of the barony. Several efforts were taken, which include bookmark advertising around various public libraries, populace belt favors, updating the Domesday, and hospitality efforts at home and abroad. While some of these efforts are continuous and others are just about to wrap up, we can now start looking ahead to the next year of improvements. The past year seemed like a number of work projects. This coming year, I'd like to look at having some more fun! Let's consider holding some revels, movie nights, and while the weather is hot, indoor arts/crafts days.

I was very excited to see that we had seven newcomers to populace last month, five of which were able to come out to IHOP with us after populace. Newcomers are essential to our Barony. They bring new energy, talents, interest, and excitement to our Society. It's up to us to welcome them and help guide them into this new and strange land we call Ansteorra. Please, take time to get to know that person you don't recognize and find out about them, as they are finding out about us. Help get them involved!

Stargate Yule is fast approaching and the time to submit bids is NOW! This is a great event for first-time autocrats. If you are unsure, or have questions about running an event, don't hesitate to contact Their Excellencies or myself. We are here to help you. Bids are due by the end of August. Bids for the event must include a budget. You can contact our exchequer, Lady Brenna, for budget information.

Remember to take care of yourself this month if you spend time outside. August is one of, if not the, hottest months of the year. Be sure to drink plenty of water, wear sunblock, and a hat. We can't emphasize this enough in our kingdom. Take care of yourself, but also don't forget to look out for others.

Lastly, the first Monday in September is Labor Day. As such, Populace and Business meetings will be moved to the second Monday, September 13th. Same time and place.

In Service,

HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

For those individuals who wish to serve the Barony, we have the following positions open.

- **Knight Marshal**
Serves the Barony by ensuring the safety of our fighters and that the SCA rules of combat are followed, reporting on fighting activities for the Barony, and maintaining the loaner equipment.
- **Youth Rapier Marshal**
Serves the Barony by training our young rapier fighters and maintaining the youth rapier loaner equipment.

Holding an office is a great way to become involved and meet your fellow Stargaters. Eligible applicants must have enthusiasm and a wish to learn and carryout their new office.

Please send your application to the new Stargate Seneschal, HL Alden Drake at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com, the corresponding Regional officer and B&B. You can also contact HL Alden for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

July 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	2 <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/7:45 pm</i> <i>Coffee & Dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)</i> <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	3 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	4 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	5 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	6 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	7 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>
8 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i> <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	9 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i> <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	10 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i> <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	11 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i> <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	12 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	13 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>	14 <i>Pennsic War 39</i>
15	16	17 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	23 <i>Madrigal Guild 7:00 pm</i>	24 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Laurel's Prize (Hellsgate/Bryn Gwlad)</i>
29 <i>Arts Day 2:00 pm—???</i>	30	31 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	1	2	3	4

- July 12—Stargate Business and Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- July 12—Coffee & Dessert with Alden & Alessandra, after Business/Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- July 12 & 26—Madrigal Guild, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 903 Highland Street, Houston, TX, 77009
- July 14—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- July 25—Scribal Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027



Meetings

Newcomer's Meetings

Newcomer's meetings provide information on local activities, how the SCA functions and what you can do to participate in the fun. To get more information and meeting dates, contact Stargate's Hospitalier, Lady Ciarnat of Firethorn, at 281-693-6441 or send an email to hospitalier AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

Business & Populace Meeting

The Business meeting is the first Monday of each month from 7:00 - 7:45 pm. The meeting is open to the populace. It is followed immediately by the Populace meeting from 7:45 - 9:00 pm. Both meetings are held at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43rd Street, Houston, TX 77018. If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, meetings will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at seneschal AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

4th Sunday Arts in the Park – ON HIATUS DURING SUMMER

The Stargate 4th Sunday Arts in the Park meets on the fourth Sunday of the month on S. Picnic Lane in Memorial Park, Houston, TX 77007. Bring your current project or work on a baronial project. Our Knight and Rapier Marshals will determine whether to hold a practice at the same time.

Stargate/Loch Rapier Practice

The combined Stargate/Loch Soilleir rapier practice is held every Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Centennial Park in Pearland, TX. The address is 3219 McLean Road, Pearland, TX 77584. Please contact the Stargate Rapier Marshal, Don Corvin Fenarro, at 281-658-9412 or kevwilson AT swbell DOT net with any questions.

Stargate Armored Combat Practice

The chivalric fighters from the greater Stargate / Loch Soilleir area have joined the rapier fighters at Centennial Park in Pearland for armored combat practice every Tuesday night from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Loane armor/gear is available upon request. Additional/alternate practice opportunities may be arranged upon request. For more information, please contact the Acting Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at marshal AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

Also, chivalric fighters are welcome to join the armored combat practice in Gate's Edge on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 3:00 pm at Meyer Park (7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379). For more information, please contact the Gate's Edge Knight marshal, Lord Georges le Breton (George Abercrombie) at 504-231-5515 or georgeslebreton AT yahoo DOT com.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, HL Alden Drake, at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com for more information.

Workshops

Chivalric armoring

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on Thursdays, from 8-11 pm. Please call ahead for directions and to be sure we haven't cancelled. Contact Vaclav Namatko (Random) at (713) 686-9883.



Guild Meetings

Equestrian Guild – ON HIATUS

The Equestrian Guild is open to all those are interested in learning about the SCA's equestrian games and competitions and the making of garb and gear for riding in events. You do not need to have your own horse, as we have some that we are willing to share. All participants must have closed-toe footwear; heel is suggested but not required. Minors age 10 and up can participate with a parent present, signed waiver, approved helmet, and closed-toe shoes or boots. For more information, please contact the acting Equestrian Marshal, HL Cristyana Lambrecht at coastal AT seneschal DOT ansteorra DOT org.

European Dance Guild – ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Stargate European Dance Guild is going on hiatus effective immediately due to several uncontrollable factors. Our plan is to reschedule to Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm beginning in January, but we must find a new site to make this happen. If you have any suggestions, please contact HL Antonello del Bello at antonello DOT sca AT sbcglobal DOT net. We've already received information on several community centers and a few private establishments and are in the process of exploring those now. Please bear with us as we try to maneuver into a different slot. We will report when things have settled and are back on track. Thank you for being so supportive of the dance community here in Stargate.

Shadowlands Inter-Group Italian Dance Practice

The Shire of Shadowlands hosts an Italian dance practice that is open to members of all groups. All skill levels are welcome. Garb is encouraged. Usually the practice is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the lobby of A&M's General Services Complex in College Station (paid parking is \$1.50). The group is currently working on Bella Gioiosa and La Vita di Cholino. For more information, please contact Mistress Perronnelle at charlene281 AT gmail DOT com..

Bardic Guild – ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Stargate's Bardic Guild is now on hiatus for the foreseeable future. Those interested in the bardic arts are invited to attend the Madrigal Guild. If you are interested in being notified of any future guild activity, please contact HL Alden Drake at stargate DOT seneschal AT gmail DOT com.

Madrigal Guild

All those interested in madrigal singing are invited to join the Stargate Madrigal Guild. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of local bard HL Andrew Scarhart, 903 Highland Street, Houston, TX, 77009. Contact HL Andrew Scarhart at scarhart AT gmail DOT com for more information.

Scribes Guild

The Stargate Scribes Guild members learn the ancient and beautiful arts of calligraphy and illumination, as well as provide a service to the Barony and the Kingdom by creating award scrolls. Usually the guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Location: Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027 (Westheimer near Wesleyan, inside Loop 610). Food and drink is available in the deli; outside food may not be brought in. For further information and to verify dates of meetings, please contact Mistress Hillary Greenslade at 281-855-9447 or hillaryrg AT yahoo DOT com.

Stargate Siege Guild

The Stargate Siege Guild is a new guild in Stargate and is for those interested in the art and science of tossing objects. If you are interested in siege weapons and their use in the SCA, contact Lord Miguel (Mike Meyers) at desweds AT gmail.com.

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Who are we?

The Barony of Stargate is a local chapter of the [Society for Creative Anachronism](#) (SCA), within the [Coastal regional](#) subdivision of the [Kingdom of Ansteorra](#). The SCA is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to learning more about the Middle Ages through reenactment. There are SCA chapters worldwide and they hold regular feasts, tournaments, balls and battles.

Ansteorra includes all of Oklahoma and most of Texas (except El Paso). Stargate includes most of greater Houston. Wherever you are, we're a friendly group of people, so why not visit us all?



MAKE A CONTRIBUTION!

The Two Towers is the reference for members of the Barony, but it also serves as a bit of Baronial history. The Chronicler would love to see one and all contribute in some way to the publication. Here are some of the ways in which you can be a part of the Baronial Newsletter.

- **Event Stories**-Let everyone hear your recollection of a great time or special occurrence at a Stargate event by putting it in our newsletter!
- **Photographs**-If you have taken some photos at Stargate events and would like to get them published, please send them along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form for yourself and any identifiable individuals in the photos.
- **Word Fame**-Has someone you know done something worthy of bragging about? Publish it!
- **Articles**-Care to share your expertise, or enlighten others on a subject you feel passionate about? Send your article along for publication along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website!
- **Art**- Send your finest artwork along with the appropriate Publication Permission Form found on the Ansteorra website. Or let us know if you would like to illustrate articles!

Please send your contributions to the Stargate Chronicler, HL Anne Barrington, at chronicler AT stargate DOT ansteorra DOT org.

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