

# From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to the wonderful people of the Stargate!

The summer is running true to form with hot weather and a busy schedule. We would like to thank all those who have been out and supporting activities across the kingdom. At this writing some are preparing for the long trip to support Their Majesties at the Pennsic Wars, so watch for updates from the various media sources.

Bids for Yule are needed ... NOW. If you have never been an event steward, this is a great one for testing the waters. We have more than a few very experienced mentors to help those interested in bidding.

If you look at the calendar for the remaining summer and into fall, you will see its a busy time. Please discuss which events you would like to be part of the Stargate travelling road show. Foremost among those will be BAM (I expect soon folks will start discussing the hospitality pavilion). Stay safe, stay healthy.



Here's where we will be during August. Please come out and join us if you can. We look forward to seeing you!

August 1	Populace meeting
August 6-12	Pennsic 40
August 20	Central Region
Academy of the Rapier & Steppes Artisan	

We remain in service,

Robert and Simone  
Baron and Baroness of Stargate

## Upcoming Events & Meetings:

July 29-Aug. 14	<i>Pennsic War 40</i>
Aug. 1	<i>Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i>
Aug. 13	<i>Hotter Than Hellsgate (Salado, TX)</i>
Aug. 20	<i>Central Region Academy of the Rapier &amp; Steppes Artisan (Athens, TX)</i>
Aug. 27	<i>Laurel's Prize Tournament (Ardmore, OK)</i>
Sept. 2-5	<i>Gothic Wars (Sweetwater, TX)</i>
Sept. 9-11	<i>Gate's Edge Fall Event (Camp Camwood, Hockley, TX)</i>
Sept. 12	<i>Business/Populace Meetings (7:00/7:45 pm @ Hope Episcopal Church)</i>
Sept. 16-18	<i>Defender of the Fort (Huntsville, TX)</i>
Sept. 23-25	<i>Bryn Gwlad Fall Event (Austin, TX)</i>

## Who are we?

The Barony of the Stargate is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA), within the Coastal Region 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?

We're on the Web at:

<http://www.stargate.ansteorra.org>

We're also on Facebook as Barony of Stargate.

Join our email list at:

<http://lists.ansteorra.org/listinfo.cgi/stargate-ansteorra.org>

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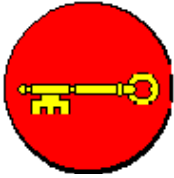
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## From the Officers

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Seneschal

Lady Nicolet Deuville

Greetings to the Populace of Stargate and to our friends, neighbors and allies!

Words cannot express how honored and excited I feel to be writing my first missive to you as the Seneschal of Stargate. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to HL Alden and Their Excellencies for affording me this opportunity to serve the Barony. I have very large shoes to fill as HL Alden has done an amazing job over the past two years. I look forward to working with the other dedicated officers and populace members towards the common goal of maintaining the excellence of this Barony. Nothing can be accomplished without the donation of your time and talents.

Towards that end, I want to encourage each and every one of you to come out and support our fighter practices in Memorial Park. They are held the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Remember, fighter practice is not just for fighters! This is a great opportunity to socialize and to promote the Barony and the Society. The location in Memorial Park is very visible, so please feel free to practice your arts and be ready to answer questions from ever curious public.

Also, the time draws near for preparations for Stargate's Yule event to begin. Please consider volunteering your time as event steward or co-steward. If your time is more limited, we will need help with set up, clean up, and gate just to name a few areas.

On a final note, please consider serving the Barony as an officer. There are several vacant offices and some of our officers' warrants expire shortly. Please see the Stargate website for a complete list of the current vacant offices.

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Herald

Lady Caitilin inghean  
Ronain ui Cheallaigh

The Ansteorran Heraldic and Scribal Symposium was well presented by the Barony of Bordermarch on July 30, 2011. For Heraldic and Scribal members of the Kingdom, the symposium had several classes on heraldry and Scribal arts. Our own Mistress Hillary Greenslade taught a class on Quill making and HL Anne Barrington HE Alden Drake taught a class on Silk banner painting. For newcomers it is great chance to learn a little about the scribal and heraldic arts as they are practiced in our Kingdom. For heraldic members of Ansteorra it was a chance to explore new heraldic areas as well as brush up on some old skills. HE Jalali of Salamis taught a great class on Cry Heraldry and Herr Detlef of Marburg taught an excellent class on Court Heraldry for Heralds. The event had approximately 80 participants and the Barony of Bordermarch were excellent hosts.

On a Local level, a few newcomers are starting their research into their name and device submissions and in the near future, those submissions should start their journey to being registered. We have some long time Stargate members working on getting their names submitted or finalizing their names and devices for future registration. We also have some transfers from another Barony working on a new names.

Please feel free to contact me anytime about your name and device submission concerns. I would love to help you find your name and presence in the SCA. I can be found at most monthly Stargate Business/Populace Meetings and at most of the events happening in Ansteorra.

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Chronicler

HL Anne Barrington

The end of my time as Stargate's chronicler is coming to an end. I published my first issue of the *Two Towers* in September 2009, which should make the August 2011 issue my last. Therefore, with the approval of the Coastal Regional Chronicler, HL Delphnia de Champeaux, I am formally announcing that the office of chronicler for the Barony of the Stargate is open for applications until Monday, July 11, 2011 (at the end of the populace meeting). Ideally, my successor can be selected in time for them to attend the next warranting class for chroniclers at Round Table on July 16, 2011. It would also be helpful if my successor is able to work with me to publish the August 2011 issue of the *Two Towers*.

The successful candidate must be a current member of the Society and should have email access and be familiar with Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Word, and Adobe Acrobat. For more information concerning the responsibilities of the office, please refer to the Chronicler's Handbook for the Kingdom of Ansteorra (Rev. January 2011) at <http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/AnstChronHandbook.pdf>. If you are interested in being Stargate's next chronicler, please complete the application found at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf> and send it, along with a copy of your membership card and photo ID, to the Coastal Region Chronicler ([coastal@chronicler.ansteorra.org](mailto:coastal@chronicler.ansteorra.org)), Stargate's seneschal ([seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org)), Baron Robert and Baroness Simone ([bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org)), and me ([chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:chronicler@stargate.ansteorra.org)).

## From the Officers (continued)

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### Hospitaller

HL Ciarnat  
of Firethorn

Given the kind permission from Baroness Simone, and with great pride in my heart (and a big dose of bravado, pretending to be a voice herald), I read Assistant Hospitaller Sorian's AoA scroll at July's Populace meeting. Royals had been trying to catch up with him at events but were unsuccessful until he attended the meeting. He is now known as Lord Christobal De Soria. Sorian attended his first event, King's College hosted by Stargate, in July of 2010. A fellow SCAer invited him to it and in the end, the SCAer could not attend the event. Sorian had such a blast at King's College. He joined the Company of St. Sebastian for lunch, attended a few classes, sat in on court, helped to do "take down" of the event site and accompanied us to dinner at a local Mexican restaurant. He has been blazing a trail ever since, being a tireless worker, assisting not just our barony but many local groups with anything and everything at events. His work was invaluable at Stargate's 2010 Yule event! I have had quite a few gentles bring his amazing works to my attention. Stargate and Ansteorra are fortunate for his decision to join SCA and for that we say "Vivat!"

Newcomers Wayne Lundgren and his teen son borrowed some loaner garb and attended the Ffynon Gath fighter practice event. Wayne had heard about the SCA through a friend who resides in the Kingdom of the West and decided to contact us to find out more information. He has attended two Populace meetings, accompanied by two of his three children. The son wants to begin taking up archery. I will be certain Leofwine speaks to him on that topic.

I have been invited by Robert of Coleford (the autocrat of the upcoming Gate's Edge event titled "Bring Out Your Dead") to help their hospitaller Antonio with greeting newcomers and loaning garb during this event. The event will be taking us back to the time during which Venice was recovering from the ravages of the Black Plague in 1352. So, don your finest Italian garb and please join Gate's Edge at Camp Camwood on the weekend of September 9-11, 2011. From reading their advertisement in the August issue of the Black Star, there will be Venetian-themed settings, a delicious Italian feast and competitions to find champions in archery, arts and sciences, bardic arts, armored combat and rapier combat. A faire champion will be chosen from those participants who enter at least three of the individual competitions. Baron Eadric Anstapa will host a brewing competition.



### Rapier Marshall

Lord Collwyn  
O'Snowdon

The Kingdom Rapier Marshall, HE Don Iago Cabrera de Cadiz, has announced that Lord Collwyn O'Snowdon is now the Acting Rapier Marshall for the Barony of the Stargate, pending confirmation from the Coastal Region Rapier Marshall, Lord Diederic Andrieszen. Many thanks to Don Corvin Fenarro for his service at Stargate's Rapier Marshall. Huzzah!

There are now two practices available for rapier fighters in the greater Houston area. Every Tuesday night there is a combined Loch Soilleir/Stargate practice in Pearland (7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Road, Pearland, TX 77584). On the second and fourth Sundays of every month, practice is held in Memorial Park in Houston (10:00 am to ?, Memorial Park, where S. Picnic Lane meets Memorial Drive Loop, Houston, TX 77007). Loaner gear is available upon request. For more information and/or to confirm practice dates and times, look for announcements on the Facebook page for the Barony of Stargate and on the Stargate email list, or contact the Acting Rapier Marshal, Lord Collwyn O'Snowdon at [rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org).



### Exchequer

Baroness Genevieve  
McCullum de Caen

Much like any other SCA event, Gulf Wars is run by volunteers. Vouchers are awarded to volunteers for the time they work in support of official war activities (i.e., sanitation, gate, marshaling, fighter support, etc.) and may be turned in and credited to an official Kingdom, group or department designated by the volunteer. The profits from the war are divided among the Kingdoms, groups, and departments in direct proportion to their volunteer vouchers. The Barony of the Stargate was one of the top five groups with the most volunteer hours and recently received a check from Gulf Wars XX in the amount of \$368.67.

Speaking of Gulf Wars, I have been asked to be the next Gulf Wars Exchequer. Because of the extent of the responsibilities involved with this office, with the permission of Their Excellencies Robert and Simone, and the Coastal Region Exchequer, I am accepting the position and announcing that the office of Exchequer for the Barony of the Stargate is now open for applications. My Emergency Replacement (ER) Deputy, HL Leofwine of Sumersaetum, will take over my responsibilities as Stargate Exchequer until the office is filled.

If you are interested in serving the Barony as Exchequer, fill out the application found at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf> and send it, along with a copy of your membership card and photo ID, to the Coastal Region Exchequer ([coastal@exchequer.ansteorra.org](mailto:coastal@exchequer.ansteorra.org)), Stargate's seneschal ([seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org)), Baron Robert and Baroness Simone ([bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:bandb@stargate.ansteorra.org)), and me ([exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:exchequer@stargate.ansteorra.org)).



Historian

Lady Caitilin inghean  
Ronain ui Cheallaigh

### Barony of Stargate Historian 6 Month Report July 2011

#### January 2011

- Barony of Stargate hosted the Winter King's Roundtable – Saturday January 22, 2011
- Stewarded by HE Isabeau Quiquandon & Her Grace Conal O' Riordan
- Polling the Populace for the New Baron and Baroness of Stargate
- Baronial candidates address the populace on their plans for the future of the Barony
- HRM Ulstead and Ebergardis presided at King's Roundtable

#### February 2011

- The Crown announces their final decision for the new Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Stargate – Don Robert Michael MacPharland and Baroness Simone Valery la Rousse

#### March 2011

- Barony of Stargate participates in the 20<sup>th</sup> Gulf Wars Event
- Mistress Hillary Greenslade supervised Scribe's Point
- Many of Stargate's populace attended Gulf Wars
- Stargate's Historian Lady Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh participated in her first Gulf Wars and volunteered at Herald's Point as a Consulting Herald

#### April 2011

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stargate and Loch Soillier Championships- April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Lady Maureen Faulkner – Autocrat
- Many gentles of Stargate volunteered their time and talent in helping run the event
- Baron Ihon Vinson MacFergus and Baroness Isabeau Quiquandon tepped down as the 8<sup>th</sup> Baronage of Stargate
- Ihon and Isabeau were awarded Court Baronies
- Don Robert Michael MacPharland and Baroness Simon Valery la Rousse stepped up as the 9<sup>th</sup> Baronage of Stargate
- Brenna MacDonald awarded the Order of the Star of Merit

#### May 2011

Defenders of the Rose Tournament – May 6-8 – Hosted by The Baronies of Stargate and Loch Soillier and the Ladies of the Rose

- Many of the gentles of Stargate volunteered their time and talent helping to run the event with Loch Soillier
- Leofwine of Sumersaetum participated in the Defenders Archery Tournament, won and became the Defenders 5<sup>th</sup> Archery Champion (Note – Leofwine has been previously the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defenders Champion)
- Brenna MacDonald participated in the Equestrian Championship
- Cristobal De Soria awarded Award of Arms for Service



Historian

Lady Caitilin inghean  
Ronain ui Cheallaigh

Coronation of Lochlan and Gwen – May 14, 2011 – 65<sup>th</sup> King and Queen of Ansteorra

- Several Stargate Gentles attended this Coronation
- Cristyana Lambrecht awarded Golden Star of Ansteorra
- Isabeau Quiquandon awarded Golden Star of Ansteorra
- Brenna MacDonald awarded Golden Star of Ansteorra
- Thomas Atte Wood awarded King's Gauntlet of Ansteorra

Steppes Warlord – May 28, 2011

- HL Alden Drake participated in Steppes Warlord Chivalric Championship and the Steppes Warlord Bardic Championship
- Alden won the Bardic Championship and became Steppes 2011 Bardic Champion
- HE Godwin of Eddington participated in Steppes Warlord Chivalric Championship making the finals.

### June 2011

King's College – June 18, 2011

- Baroness Simone Valery la Rousse taught 3 classes on constructing Persian garb.
- Mistress Hillary Greenslade taught 2 classes on Metal Piercework
- Lady Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh participated in the College of Herald's June Decision Meeting

Bordermarch Baronials – June 25, 2011

- Several Stargate Gentles participated in the Bordermarch Baronials.
- HE Godwin of Eddington participated in the Chivalric Championships
- HL Alden Drake participated in the Chivalric Championships and also participated as a Marshal and Field Herald
- Mistress Hillary Greenslade participated in the Bordermarch Arts and Sciences Championship, won and became Bordermarch's 2011 A & S Champion

### July 2011

Ansteorran Heraldic and Scribal Symposium – July 30, 2011

- HL Anne Barrington and HL Alden Drake taught a class on Silk Banner Painting
- Mistress Hillary Greenslade taught a class on Quill making
- HE Jalali of Salamis taught a class on Cry Heraldry (Highly recommended for new Herald's)
- Several gentles of Stargate participated in classes on Heraldry, Scribal Arts and other pursuits.

Future Note – Summer of 2012 – the Premier Barony of Stargate will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Barony. More details of the Celebration Coming Soon.

## Upcoming Events (Within a 4-5 hour drive from the Greater Houston Area)

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What: **Hotter Than Hellsgate**

When: August 13, 2011 (site opens from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Where: Hosted by the Stronghold of Hellsgate  
at Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main Street Salado, TX 76571

What's happening: The first champions of the Stronghold of Hellsgate will be chosen in Chivalric, Rapier, A&S, and Bardic competitions. Evening feast is available.

About the site: ???

For more information: <http://hellsgate.ansteorra.org/hotter.html>

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What: **Ansteorran Fiber Arts College**

When: July 23, 2011 (site open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm)

Where: Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, 417 County Road 1143, Tyler, TX 75704

What's happening: A day of classes related to fiber arts, including weaving, felting, dyeing, costuming, embroidery, and more. Modern dress only. No site fee but donations will be collected to thank the church for hosting the event. Sideboard luncheon provided by the Shire of Rosenfeld on a donation basis.

About the site: Indoor facility.

For more information: <http://www.crystaldaggerclothing.com/FiberArts/>

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What: **Summer Birthday Bash & Mini-Tournament**

When: Sunday, July 24, 2011 (armor inspection at 10 am; fighting starts at 11 am)

Where: Hosted by the Shire of Ffynnon Gath  
behind the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, 202 N. C.M. Allen Pkwy., San Marcos, TX

What's happening: Stargate's 4th Sunday Practice in the Park goes on a road-trip! Chivalric and rapier mini-tournaments. Pot luck lunch (bring a dish to share). No site fee. Fighter authorization cards required. Bring swim suits for swimming in the river.

About the site: Pop-ups are allowed in the park. Pets on leash are allowed. No public consumption of alcohol.

For more information: <http://ffynnon-gath.ansteorra.org/minitournament.htm>

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What: **Ansteorran Heraldic & Scribal Symposium**

When: June 30, 2011 (site open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm)

Where: Hosted by the Barony of Bordermarch  
at The Beaumont Art League, 2675 Gulf St., Beaumont, TX 77703

What's happening: A day of classes devoted to the heraldic and scribal arts (including designing and making painted silk banners, taught by HL Anne Barrington and HL Alden Drake). Fighting is welcome.

About the site: Chairs are needed; please bring your own. No pets; service animals only. Alcohol allowed in period containers.

For more information: <http://www.bordermarch.org/AHSS/index.html>

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## Meetings

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### Business & Populace Meetings

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, Lady Nicolet Deuville at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Newcomer's Meetings

Newcomer's meetings provide information about 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, HL Ciarnat of Firethorn, at 281-693-6441, or send an email to [hospitalier@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:hospitalier@stargate.ansteorra.org).

## Practices—Martial Activities

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### 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 Stargate Seneschal, Lady Nicolet Deuville at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Stargate Practice in the Park

There will be both Chivalric and Rapier practice in Memorial Park on August 14 and 28, 2011, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Loaner armor/gear is available upon request. For more information, please contact the Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at [marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org) or the Acting Rapier Marshall, Lord Collwyn O'Snodwon, at [rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:rapier@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Stargate / Loch Soilleir 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. Loaner armor/gear is available upon request. Additional/alternate practice opportunities may be arranged upon request. For more information, please contact the Knight Marshal, Sir Godwin of Edington, at [marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:marshal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice

Stargate's Knight Marshall, Sir Godwin of Edington, will be at the Gate's Edge armored combat practice at 3:00 pm on the first and third Sundays of June (5th and 19th). The Gate's Edge practices are held at Meyer Park in Spring, TX. The fighters will be on the south side of the park just to the to right (west) of the entrance between the parking area and Cypresswood Drive. Meyer Park is located at 7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas 77379. For more information, please see the Gate's Edge website and calendar at <http://gates-edge.ansteorra.org/>.

### Stargate Siege Guild

The Stargate Siege Guild 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 Stargate's Seneschal, Lady Nicolet Deuville, at [senschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:senschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal, Lady Nicolet Deuville, at [stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:stargate@stargate.ansteorra.org) for more information.



## Practices—Performance Arts

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### Aleasar

Aleasar is a multi-group SCA Middle Eastern drumming and dancing guild for the Greater Houston Area. We have members from Stargate, Loch Soilleir, Gate's Edge, and Raven's Fort. Drummers, musicians, and dancers of all skill levels are welcome, as always. For more information, please contact Dietrich Strobelbart by email at [dietrich.strobelbart@yahoo.com](mailto:dietrich.strobelbart@yahoo.com) or call him at 281-731-7726 (phone calls between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm only).

Aleasar will have only one Practice in August, on the 18th at 7pm, at Antonello's house.

We are looking forward to hosting Hafas at Gates Edge's Fall Event, Lochterfest, and Bordermarch Autumn Melees. All three Hafas will include refreshments for the performers. It has been rumored that there will be small tokens of appreciation for the performers distributed as warranted. On-lookers and performers are invited to bring small items of largess to reward those you deem worthy! Drummers and Dancers of all levels of experience are welcome! All Middle Eastern musicians are welcome to bring any and all of your instruments! Dancers are encouraged to bring and use Zills and any other items you may enjoy using to enhance your performance. All three Hafas are scheduled to be held under canvas pavilions. We will NOT be using the metal pavilion at Camp Camwood.

### Bardic & Madrigal Guilds—ON HIATUS

Stargate's Bardic Guild is 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 Lady Nicolet Deuville at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### European Dance Guild—ON HIATUS

The Stargate European Dance Guild is on hiatus as we work out a new time and place for practices. For more information, please contact Lady Nicolet Deuville at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Middle Eastern Dance Guild

The Middle Eastern Dance guild meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Ballam Belly Dance Studio, located in the adjunct building behind Grace United Methodist Church, at 1245 Heights Blvd. in Houston. No prior belly dance experience is necessary, nor is garb. If you get lost, call Lady Gwenfrewi ferch yr Albanwer, at 832-875-8013.

## Workshops

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### Armoring Workshops

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on Thursdays, from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Please call ahead for directions and to be sure we haven't cancelled. Contact Lady Nicolet Deuville at [seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### Fourth Sunday Arts

Bring your project and enjoy the company of your fellow artisans at Fourth Sunday Arts from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 28, 2011. Located in the fellowship hall of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont Drive, Houston, TX 77092. For more information, contact the Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Isolde die Waeyer, at [moas@stargate.ansteorra.org](mailto:moas@stargate.ansteorra.org).

### 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 1st and 3rd 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@yahoo.com](mailto:hillaryrg@yahoo.com).

In August, the Scribes Guild will meet on August 7th at the HEB Community Center Room at I-10 West and Bunker Hill and on August 21st at the Central Market at Westheimer and Wesleyan. Activities will include charter painting. Also, a new series of classes on illumination techniques will begin. Bring your own scribe's paint supplies; some will be available to loan.

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Business/Populace Mtgs. 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee & dessert @ IHOP (after meeting)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Hotter Than Hellsgate
<b>14</b> Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Aleesasar Drumming & Dance Practice 7:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> King's College
<b>21</b> Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Central Region Academy of the Rapier & Steppes Artisan
<b>28</b> Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Fourth Sunday Arts 2:00-5:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	<b>31</b>			Laurel's Prize Tournament

- August 1—Stargate Business/Populace Meetings, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- August 1—Coffee & Dessert after Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- August 7 & 21—Stargate Scribes Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027
- August 14 & 28—Practice in the Park, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Memorial Park, Houston, TX
- August 28—Fourth Sunday Arts, 2:00-5:00 pm, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pinemont Dr., Houston, TX 77092