

Two Towers

July 2007

From the Baron & Baroness

Unto the populace and friends of Stargate do Ihon & Isabeau send their best wishes and felicitations.

Praise to those of Stargate, Westgate, and Gate's Edge whose efforts treated the Kingdom to a truly unique King's College. At last count, over sixty classes, covering the broadest spectrum of disciplines, were offered and over 240 attended. Such an event is impossible without the cooperation of many hands. This was one of the smoothest events from top to bottom. Even the weather cooperated (although 10 degrees cooler wouldn't have hurt). You give us great joy that you permit us to serve you. Good food, good fun, good job! Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses graced us with Their presence and we had many outstanding instructors who traveled from lands near and distant.

July 7, Emerald Keep will host [Coronation](#). Isabeau will be in attendance and will carry with her Ihon's spirit. Please make every effort to attend and flout your Sable & Argent. July 14, we will be in the Shadowlands for the King's Round Table. You do not need to be an officer to attend. There are usually some excellent warranting classes as well as a wonderful time for relaxed socializing. Gate's Edge will host Queen's Champion July 20-22. Please make every effort to attend. Stargate is blessed to have this Shire to our north and the Barony has always enjoyed their staunch support. There will be a White Scarf Circle. Steppes Artisan is the following weekend including a Laurel's Circle. And please prepare to offer your service to Westgate for the Winter Collegium Bards & Garb, August 4. More information can be found at <http://westgate.ansteorra.org/wwc/>

Thanks to you all who braved the moldy tombs of antiquity to unearth Stargate's origins. Here's the plan. April, we will hold Stargate's 35th Baronial Championship (AS 42) and we will celebrate Stargate's 35th *Anniversary* at Yule next year (AS 43). That makes 2008 a banner year for celebration.

Our sincere gratitude to Lady Vasalisa for her two years service as Seneschal. It has been a very productive and smooth two years and we look forward to working with her successor who will be announce at populace next Monday (July 2). Thanks to the very qualified people who offered their applications.

Please respond to any needs Lord Deitrich and Baroness Gwen as they prepare to offer us this Yule's festivities. As far as we know, the plan is still to include Kingdom Dance & Musicians.

Yours in service

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Baron & Baroness

Special Dates of Interest

- July 2 Stargate Populace Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.
- July 16 Stargate Business Meeting begins at 7:30 pm
- July 8 & 22 European Dance (NW) 2:00-4:00 pm
- July 22 Madrigal Singing begins at 4:00 pm
- Every Tuesday is fighter practice at UH



From the Seneschal

Greetings fellow Stargaters,

This will be my last missive as your Seneschal. I want to thank all of you for your support these past two years. I especially want to thank those of you who stepped up and served during my time. Your excellent efforts made my job as your seneschal much easier than it might have been if you wouldn't have done your jobs so well. Thanks too, to Their Excellencies Ihon and Isabeau for their ready advise and support. I appreciate your confidence in my efforts. And thanks Cristyana for being my deputy. You've helped out allot!

I'm sure your next seneschal will find serving you, Stargate, just as rewarding as I did.

Farewell!

Lady Vasilisa, Stargate Seneschal

From the A&S Minister

After more than a year of serving as Stargate's Minister of Arts & Sciences, it is time for me to step down.

If you are interested in serving your barony in an official manner, I recommend this office which serves to promote our artists in Stargate. A simple report is required each month as is with all offices. The rest of the position is to keep in touch with the guild leaders and help with their needs and encourage new artists to gather and show their creativity.

Please inform Caitriona, Coastal Region MoAS (prand@swbell.net, 361-992-1826) if you wish to apply and send a copy to Baron Ihon, Baroness Isabeau and our Seneschal Vasilisa.

Thank you for letting me serve,
HL Caitlin bean Ghearait

From the Canton of Westgate

Greetings from the Canton of Westgate!

Our Hospitaller will step down at the end of July. Please apply as soon as possible by sending an application to the regional Hospitaller, with a copy to Maureen Faulkner, Alison MacCay, Lady Vasilisa, and TE Ihon and Isabeau.

We are planning our Westgate Winter (ahem) Collegium event for August 4. The theme is Bards and Garb. It will be a day of classes organized by Alden Drake (for the bardic classes) and Rondinella (for the garb-related classes). WWC 07 will feature some wonderful classes, so please plan on attending.

In Service,
Maureen, Seneschal of Westgate

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **A&S Minister**-Serves the Barony by coordinating the arts and sciences guilds and promoting the arts in the Barony. See article left/below for submission details.
- **Waterbearer**-Serves the Barony by organizing water and other hydrating supplies for use by the populace during Baronial events.
- **Children's Minister**-Serves the Barony by encouraging the growth and skill of the future of the SCA, the children, through activities and education.

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 Stargate Seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at Lisa@flyinglions.com and the corresponding Regional officer. You can also contact Lady Vasilisa for more information on these positions.

Please submit your application ASAP.

Herald's Harkings

There is Heraldic consultation with Herr Dietrich and his deputy by appointment. Come and discuss registering your name and device. You can contact Herr Dietrich at Dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com



In Service,
Herr Dietrich Strobelbart
Sentinel Pursuivant

Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild will be meeting on Thursday, July 19th. No experience in Bardic arts is necessary.

The purpose of the guild is to learn and have fun. Experienced bards will be encouraged to teach pieces, and all are welcome to bring suggestions for pieces to learn. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at alden_drake AT sbcglobal.net. For directions, contact Lady Mea at Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net or 713-299-6046. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

With thanks,
HL Alden Drake

Scribal Guild

The guild is looking for a new leader or leaders. HL Mea and I are at the end of our term and wish to pass on the torch to a new leader(s). We will always enjoy our time as Guild Principals. If you are interest in this guild position let us know.

For more information on the guild contact Lady Mea at Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net or Lady Cristyana at Clambright2000 AT yahoo.com.

Painting happily,
HL Mea and Lady Cristyana



Stargate Tower Watch

From the Captain of the Watch

Greetings all,

Inspired by the drill practice we participated in at Lysts of Castleton, I have begun putting together some notes for our own drill manual. I recently obtained a copy of The Exercise of Armes: All 117 Engravings from the Classic 17th-Century Military Manual, and it contains wonderful illustrations. Once the manual is complete, I intend to set up some drill practices for the Tower Watch.

The Tower Watch is still recruiting! Please send applications to Their Sentinel Excellencies and myself. Being a member of the Watch is a great way to show your support for, and serve, our barony.

In service,
Captain Drake

JULY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Stargate Populace Meeting 7:30pm</i>	3 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Ansteora Coronation in Emerald Keep</i>
8	9	10 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>King's Round Table in Shadownlands</i>
15	16 <i>Stargate Business Meeting</i>	17 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	18	19 <i>Stargate Bardic Guild at 7pm.</i>	20	21 <i>Queen's Champion Tourney in Gate's Edge</i>
22 <i>Euro Dance 2pm Madrigal Singing 4pm</i>	23	24 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Steppes Artisan</i>
29	30	31 <i>Fighter Practice at UH 7:00 pm</i>				

Schedule of Events

- July 2-Stargate Populace Meeting, 7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Meeting, location is Hope Episcopal Church at 1613 W. 43th St.
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31-Fighter Practice, 7:00 pm, location is UH main campus, site is off Cullen Rd at UH Entrance 13
- July 16 -Stargate Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, location is Baron and Baroness' home (contact B&B for directions)
- July 19-Stargate Bardic Guild Meeting, 7:00 pm, location HL Mea's home (see page 3 for directions)
- July 8 & 22-European Dance (NW), 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, location Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Ln
- July 22-Madrigal Singing at their Excellencies' home, 4:00 pm
- Chivalric Armoring at Lord Vaclav's house (see page 6 for contact information and times)
- Heraldic Consultation is by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the Herald (see pg. 10) for more information.

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 Lady Ciarnat of Firethorn at 281-693-6441 or send an email to dragonlaw1 AT nww.net.

Populace Meeting

The first Monday of each month from 7-9 pm, at Hope Episcopal Church (formally St. Michael's Episcopal Church) at 1613 W. 43th St. in Oak Forest. If the first Monday of a month is a public holiday, Populace will be held the second Monday. Garb is optional. For more information contact the Stargate seneschal, Lady Vasilisa, at lisa AT flyinglions.com.

Business Meeting

Stargate's Business Meeting is normally held on the third Monday of the month, at their Excellencies' house. The meeting is open to the populace, but their Excellencies request that anyone who would like to attend contact them in advance for direction (contact info on page 10).

Fighter Practice (Chivalric and Rapier)

Every Tuesday night from 7-9+ pm at the University of Houston (main campus). This is a combined chivalric and rapier practice held in conjunction with the Barony of Loch Soilleir. **Directions:** From I-45S south of I-59, exit and turn right onto Cullen, through two lights, turn left at UH Entrance 13, which is across the street from the stadium. Turn left into the parking lot, and look for us in the field next to the parking lot. It is a controlled-access faculty/staff parking lot, but is open after about 6 pm. Most practices focus on individual instruction and tournament (one-on-one) style combat, but the first Tuesday of each month is devoted to practicing melee skills and small unit tac-tics. Contact Knight Marshal for more information.

NOTE: Parking lot is open to attendees at 7:00pm, campus officers patrol the lot until that time.

Youth Rapier Practice

Please contact the Seneschal lisa AT flyinglions.com for more information

Equestrian Practice

As summer is here, practice is on hold until after the season. For information on the Equestrian community in Stargate, contact Lady Annalies Pferdehirt (lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com) or HL Lorraine Fraser, CGL (mbetenbaugh AT houston.rr.com).



Guild Meetings



European Dance (NW)

Practice is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Lane, from 2 to 4 pm. For more information contact Lord Antonello del Bello at (281) 850-2443 or antonello.sca at sbcglobal dot net. Please, no calls after 10 pm. Garb is optional (most folks wear regular clothes).

Madrigal and Polyphonic Singing

Practice is held every fourth Sunday at the Baron and Baroness' home starting at 4:00 p.m. No experience necessary -- sight reading helpful, but not required. For more information contact HE Master Ihon Vinson MacFergus at (713) 896-0026 or bandb.stargate AT gmail.com. Please, no calls after 10 pm. You can also check out the Stargate-Madrigal Yahoo group.

Scribes Guild

Scribal Guild will see you at Baronial. In May we will be changing our meeting times to include Sundays. Watch for more information on time and place. If you have paints, please bring them. Some supplies will be provided. Site has tables BUT NO CHAIRS so bring yours. Newcomers to painting are welcome. Please contact Lady Mea Guilianna Passavanti (Ldy_passavanti AT ev1.net) or Lady Cristyana Lambrecht (clambright2000 AT yahoo.com) for more information.

Weaving Guild

The Stargate Weaving Guild meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Lancaster Community Center, located at 19831 Stoney Haven Dr., Cypress, TX 77433, from 7:00 to 9:00. We actually work on an assortment of things, from weaving, sewing, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, and many other activities. If anyone is interested, they are most welcome to come. Contact Lady Annalies (lcai_lcai AT yahoo.com) for more information.

Bardic Guild

The Stargate Bardic Guild normally meets on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at the home of Lady Mea Passavanti, from 7-9:30pm. No experience in Bardic arts is necessary. The purpose of the guild is to learn and have fun. If you are interested in joining the guild, please email the guild principal, HL Alden Drake at alden_drake AT sbcglobal.net. Everyone from the Greater Houston Area is invited to attend.

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 if you have any questions.

Workshops

Heraldic Name and Device Consultation

Heraldic Consultations will be held by appointment only. Tuesday and Thursday nights usually work best. Contact Herr Dietrich Strobelbart by phone 281-731-7726 cell or email dietrich.strobelbart AT yahoo.com.

Chivalric armoring

Tools and armor-making advice available at Vaclav's house on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, 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.

The Arts

This page is dedicated to artists, bards, scientists or those who create and research. Articles in this section are here to spark the creative spirit in our readers. If you have an article, recipe, how-to's, or other show-n-tell projects, please submit them.

Herbal Oils

By Lady Aetheldreda of Dun Breatan

Around the Mediterranean Sea and Asia Minor, olive oil has been in production since 5000 B.C.. A Greek myth credits Athena with creating the olive tree in a contest with Poseidon over which god could give the greatest gift. Athena won and Athens was named in her honor. The winners of the first Olympic Games, which took place in Olympia in 776 BC, were awarded an olive branch and olive oil was awarded to the winners of the Panatheneia in honor of the goddess Athena. Athletes rubbed their bodies with olive oil to improve their health and strength. It was spread into Western Europe by way of Spain from the Phoenicians and into Italy by the Greeks.

The olive is mentioned in the Bible, in the story of Noah, and both King David and King Solomon set guards to protect olive groves. References to the olive tree, olive oil and olives are found in ideograms in inscription in Linear A and Linear B in Minoan Crete back to 1800 B.C. Olive oil was said to be the Prophet Mohammad's favorite condiment.

Olive oil was believed to conferred strength and youth. It was a main ingredient in both cosmetics and medicines. Infusions of olive oil with flowers and with grasses were produced in Egypt, Rome and Greece for these purposes. A list was excavated in Mycenae citing the aromatics (fennel, sesame, celery, watercress, mint, sage, rose, and juniper among others) which were to be added to olive oil for the preparation of ointments. It had a role in religious rituals in Greece and Rome, as well as in Judaism and both the Catholic and Orthodox churches. The anointing oil for kings is traditionally olive oil. Another major use was in oil lamps to provide light.

During the Middle Ages, production of olive oil declined drastically. Olive oil became the a luxury, used by the nobility and the wealthy, while butter and lard took its place among the lower classes. Not until the 17th century did production in the Mediterranean regions return to the levels of the classical periods.

General Directions

Oils: olive, peanut, safflower, sunflower

Non-herbs: garlic, peppercorns, spices, ginger, peppers

Herbs: any culinary herb

Equipment: pan for heating of vinegar or microwave safe glass or Pyrex bowl, knife, mortar and pestle, glass bottles or jars for storage, wooden spoon, sieve, glass or plastic bottles or jars for steeping

Instructions: Sterilize the bottles or jars using the canning method or filling them with boiling water and let them stand for 10 minutes. Clean the corks by boiling them and then drying them in a low oven. Gently rise the herbs, shake out the excess water or pat dry. Remove any damaged or discolored leaves and woody stems (rosemary, winter savory, mint). Twist to bruise the herbs. Peel ginger root and garlic and mash with back of a wooden spoon. Garlic used in oils should first be soaked overnight in vinegar to prevent botulism. Crack spices in mortar and pestle.

Fill a clean bottle or jar 2-3 sprigs of each desired flavoring. Heat the oil until you can smell it but do not bring to a boil. Pour over the herbs and cover with plastic wrap or a non-metal lid. Store in the refrigerator for 2-4 weeks, stirring or shaking occasionally (3-4 times a week). Strain through a sieve into sterilized decorative bottles. Add decorative herbs, chilies, etc. Do not leave garlic in the oil. Take care not to stir up the sediment in the steeping vessel as you pour. Cap. Store in the refrigerator and use within 6 months. As the liquid is used, submerge the decorative herbs.

Lady Aetheldreda of Dun Breatan

Barony of Bryn Gwlad, Ansteorra

Permission obtained to print.



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Children's Minister

OPEN-Accepting Applications

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. Stargate's sub-chapter is the [Canton of Westgate](#), which includes the western and Southwestern portions of Houston. Wherever you are we're a friendly group of people, so why not visit us all?

We're on the web!

[http://
stargate.ansteorra.
org/index.shtml](http://stargate.ansteorra.org/index.shtml)

Chronicler's Notes

Greetings to all!

King's College is done and the summer is here. I hope all are doing well and working hard visiting with family and friends, having fun, and creating new projects. Coming up are several events about the Arts and Science: Steppes Artisan in July, Westgate Winter Collegium in August, and Laurel's Prize Tourney in September. I encourage you to as you creation write a short note about your project for our Arts page.

Also I know that Gate's Edge is hosting Queen's Champion. For those who can help, please do. Queen's is August 18th at Camp Camwood.

I am looking for an Artist of the month for August. Please submit your art or encourage others to do so. Lets celebrate the great works of our Barony. Submissions can be anything from a poem to how to create a camp bed to your favorite period recipe. Also do not forget to send me a permission to print form.

Submission Deadline: 20th of each month. Please submit either a legible hardcopy or electronic MS Word File to me or at stargate.chron AT yahoo.com. Remember to turn in a permission to print form for each of your submissions. I am open to all ideas on creating a newsletter that better serves the Barony and her populace. Let me know your ideas.

In Service,

Lady Cristyana Lambrecht

Stargate Chronicler

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