

Two Towers

March 2010

From Our Baron and Baroness

Unto Ansteorra's premier populace do Ihon & Isabeau send their best wishes and felicitations.

Our congratulations to Mistress Hillary Rose Greenslade, one of the top 10 entrants at this year's Kingdom A & S. Along with Ihon, she will represent Ansteorra in the Gulf Wars Champions Battle. HL Cristyana Lambrecht also made a good showing at Kingdom A & S.

Gulf Wars is a mere 13 days away. How can an event that is always the same time every year creep up so fast? If you have not already done so, please let Ihon know (as Coastal Land Steward) your camping needs (SCA Name, Modern Name, Size of Tent [indicate whether that is with or without ropes], type of tent [period or modern] and estimated time of arrival), who will be in the tent with you and your registration number (if you preregistered. If you did not preregister, he cannot guarantee you land within Coastal, but if we are set up as we were last year, there will be open camping just across the road from Stargate.

Immediately upon return, we will need to concentrate on Baronial, our April event. The event will be at Camp Camwood and interest will be high given that there is the investiture of Loch's new Baron & Baroness as well as a Pelican Circle.

Yours in service,

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Lord & Lady of Stargate

Upcoming Events & Meetings

<i>March 1</i>	<i>Business/Populace Meetings</i>
<i>March 14-21</i>	<i>Gulf Wars XIX (Gleann Abhann)</i>
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Busineses/Populace Meetings</i>
<i>April 2-4</i>	<i>Elfsea Defender (Elfsea)</i>
<i>April 9-11</i>	<i>Lysts at Castleton (Bryn Gwlad & Hell's Gate)</i>
<i>April 16-18</i>	<i>Loch Soilleir & Stargate Baronials (Stargate)</i>
<i>April 23-25</i>	<i>Bordermarch Baronial (Bordermarch)</i>
<i>Apr. 30—May 2</i>	<i>Loch Guardian (Loch Soilleir)</i>
<i>May 3</i>	<i>Busineses/Populace Meetings</i>
<i>May 15</i>	<i>Coronation / King's Champion (Mooneshadowe)</i>
<i>May 21-23</i>	<i>Queen's Champion (TBD)</i>
<i>May 28-30</i>	<i>Steppes Warlord (Steppes)</i>

From Our Seneschal

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

Gulf Wars is upon us! I am greatly looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can this year at war. I've heard from some that this is their first time going to war, and I've heard one instance that Gulf Wars will be a person's first SCA event! It's always excellent to see Gulf Wars through the eyes of someone who goes for their first time. Hopefully you have been planning with a war veteran who has recommended what to bring for surviving and enjoying your first war experience. Remember, it's better to bring more than you think you'll need and not need it (and cross it off your list for next year), than to not bring something and wish you had it. Also, if you're driving, be sure you have your cell phone charged and road side assistance numbers. I've heard several cases of break-downs and accidents occurring on the way to and from wars.

Stargate/Loch Soilleir Baronial is next month! Mistress Annes and Baroness Genevieve are planning a fabulous event to be held out at Camp Camwood. Their Stellar Majesties will be visiting Their barony once again and I hope we once again prove that the hospitality of Stargate is legendary. The Barony of Loch Soilleir will be investing their new baron and baroness, and there is also a Pelican circle on the schedule, so we should have a very nice turnout for the event. Please see the event ad in the Two Towers and Black Star for more details on the event.

I still have had no volunteers to be the feast steward for the joint event in May. Duchess Cateau is autocratting, and it is Stargate's turn to provide the feast crew. Please contact me if you are interested!

Finally, hearty congratulations to Baron Ihon Vinson macFergus and Mistress Hillary Rose Greenslade for their fine entries at Kingdom A&S, which by their scores were selected to represent Ansteorra as artisans this year in the Gulf Wars A&S competition. Viviat!

In Service,

HL Alden Drake
Stargate Seneschal

From Our Hospitaler

Fellow SCAers,

Give me your tired and your poor metal or plastic coat hangers. Search your closets, garages, attics, and trunk of your auto for them. I need a large amount of them for a large amount of loaner garb that persons like Fedelm, Brenna, and the family of Capt. Navarre have generously and recently donated. I am also in need of donations of large safety pins. They are used to keep the loaner garb on the hangers during transport and while garb is hanging on the racks. Please bring any donations of hangers or safety pins to Officers/Populace meeting in March. They can be given to me or Leafwine.

We are NOT currently in need of any more donations of any type of loaner garb. We have a huge assortment in various sizes for both women and men. I am getting them ready for display and possible use at the upcoming Baronial event.

In Service,

Ciarnat
Stargate Hospitaler

STARGATE WANTS YOU!!

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

- **Minister of Arts & Sciences**
Serves the Barony by ensuring that everyone who wants to learn, teach, study, demonstrate, or practice some medieval art or science may do so.
- **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.

Stargaters Excel at Kingdom A&S

Kingdom A&S was hosted by the Barony of the Steppes on February 13, 2010. There were approximately 45 entries from some of the Kingdom's best artisans. In a scoring system where the maximum score possible is 50 points, 14 artisans received scores of 40 points or greater:

Aelfwyn Webbestre* – weaving
Amalia Zavattini* – Costume
Ameline DuBois* – glass and copper chain
Caerell MacDonaill* – carved ear scoop and toothpick
Caterina Bella Rosso – blackwork
Catriona inghean Mhic Lachlainn+ – brooches
Czina Angielczkya* – paper
Ekaterina Landarovna Kharlampieva – basket weaving
Hillary Rose Greenslade* – enameled icon medallion
Ihon Vinson macFergus** – poem, song
Lucia Piazetta* – wines
Oksana Goncharova* – clay lantern
Serafina de Gratia – printing/painting on playing cards
Tadgh macAedain uiConchobhair+ – leatherwork

Artisans whose names are shown with an asterisk (*) will represent Ansteorra at Gulf Wars. Those shown with plus signs (+) are alternates. The new Kingdom Artisan is HL Czina Angielczkya.

Special congratulations to the Stargaters who will represent Ansteorra at Gulf Wars: Mistress Hillary, with her display of an enameled icon medallion, and Baron Ihon, with both a poem and a song (two separate entries!).

HL Anne Barrington
Chronicler

From the Event Swards—Stargate & Loch Soilleir Joint Baronials

Greetings all!

In April, on the 16th, 17th & 18th, Stargate will hold its baronial championships. Simultaneously, our good friends of the Barony of Loch Sollier will also be holding their baronial championships PLUS a baronial investiture! We will have Crown presence and a Pelican circle on top of all of this so it promises to be a wonderful event with lots and lots going on.

A luncheon with a French theme is being planned by Lady Gisele. I am really looking forward to this as she is a fabulous cook. Then the feast is being planned and put forward by the Loch. It should be both abundant and yummy, as is true Loch tradition.

So if you have been tired of being stuck in the house, and especially if you couldn't go to Gulf Wars, this is a great event to plan to be at. I hope to see everyone there!

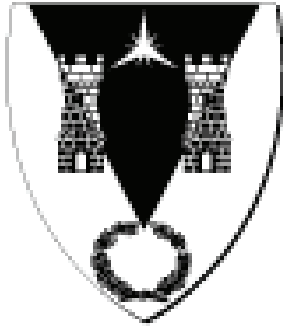
Mistress Annes Clotilde von Bamburg,
Co-Steward with HE Genevieve McCullum de Caen

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 stargate DOT chron AT yahoo DOT com.



*The 3rd Annual
Combined Baronial Championships
For Stargate and Loch Scilleir!!*



April 16-18, 2010

To be held at beautiful Camp Camwood
100 Clear Creek Rd, Hockley, TX 77447
Site opens at 3 pm April 16. Site closes at 3 pm April 18.

Come join us in a day of pageantry as we choose our champions!

*There will be a delicious complimentary sideboard luncheon provided for Nobles
and Gentles alike. The Barony of Loch Scilleir will provide a sumptuous feast.*

A Pelican circle shall be held at the discretion of Their Royal Majesties.

Witness Loch Scilleir's Baronial Investiture!!!

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Site Fee: adult - \$10; child 12 & under - \$5; child-5 and under - Free.

Family max: \$30

Feast Fee: \$7

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc. - Barony of The Stargate

ACCEPS is available. Please check the Kingdom Calendar.

Directions From I-45: Exit FM 2920 at Spring. Travel west to Tomball (12 mi.). Travel west to Roberts Cemetery Rd. (7-8 mi.). Turn Right. Roberts Cemetery Rd has four 90° turns - **Be Careful!** It dead-ends into Magnolia Rd (3 mi.). Turn Left. Approx. 1.5 mile, turn right onto Clear Creek Rd. Camp entrance about 1000 ft on the right.

Directions From Hwy 290: Exit FM 2920 in Waller. Travel east towards Tomball. Approx. 3 mi. Turn left onto Hagar Rd. Approx. 2 mi., you will pass the Houston Oaks Golf & Country Club, turn right onto Magnolia Rd. Approx. 2 ½ miles, turn left onto Clear Creek Rd. Camp entrance about 1000 ft on the right.

Important Legal Information: A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors. Minors may also attend with a 21-year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents. **Beer/Wine only** allowed in period containers only. **Service Animals only, no pets!**

March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Stargate Business / Populace Meeting 7:00/ 7:45 pm</i> <i>Coffee & Dessert w/ Alden & Alessandra (after meeting)</i>	2 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	10 <i>West Houston Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	15 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	16 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	17 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	18 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	19 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	20 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>
21 <i>Gulf Wars XIX</i>	22 m	23 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Stargate Scribal Guild 5:30 pm</i>	29	30 <i>Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm</i>	31			

- March 1—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
- March 1—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
- March 10—West Houston Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 1111 Dairy Ashford St., Houston, TX 77079
- March 28—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 WINTER.

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. 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 DURING WINTER

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. Practices are usually held twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Equestrian Marshal's farm, Little Moon Farm, 16916 Brumbelow Rd, Needville, TX, 77461. For more information and to verify the date and time of the next meeting, please contact the Equestrian Marshal, HL Lorraine Fraser, at 832-646-6162.

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. However, there will be no practice in March due to Gulf Wars. 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 – ON HIATUS DURING MARCH

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?

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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?



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