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Greetings and welcome to the March, 2009 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill.

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NASHER DEMO IS A BIG SUCCESS!

On Sunday, March 22, the Canton of Buckston on Eno presented a Community Awareness Demo at the Nasher Museum of Art Family Day Event at Duke University. The Museum has monthly Family Day Events with special demonstrations designed to involve families and the community in their exhibits. The Buckston Demo was part of an exciting exhibit called "Sacred Beauty: Medieval and Renaissance Illuminated Manuscripts from the Collection of Robert J. Parsons." The exhibition features 16 significant manuscript illuminations, primarily from the 15th and 16th centuries in Italy, France, the Netherlands and Spain. Each page features a painted scene and many have additional decorations, including illuminated initials, drolleries and tromp-l'oeil flora and fauna in the margins. These individual pages of exquisite quality, produced in tempera, gold and ink on vellum, all come from religious books used for devotional purposes, such as books of hours for private prayer, missals, psalters and choir books. The earliest page, Three Maries and the Fiery Angel at the Tomb, c1310, by Nerio da Bologna, reflects the residual Byzantine style in Italian art at the time of Giotto. French and Netherlandish works demonstrate the late Gothic and emerging Northern Renaissance styles of the 15th and 16th centuries. The latest work, from the 17th century, features the classicism of the High Renaissance and early Baroque traditions. The collection was assembled by Duke alumnus Robert J. Parsons (Ph.D., English, 1980) and will be on view in an installation accompanied by religious works of the 14th to 17th centuries from the Nasher Museum's permanent collection. Support for the exhibition comes from the Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies at Duke University and Duke Divinity School. The exhibition will be running until May 10, 2009 so you still have time to catch it!

The demo was coordinated by Buckston Chatelaine Lady Rosanella Vespucci and included the following:

Beautiful music and dance exhibition by Lord Galeran Chanterel and his lovely Lady Rhieinwlydd verch Einion Llanaelhaearn who performed with the harp, recorders, drums, and voice. They were a huge hit with the children who gathered around them eagerly to learn more about the instruments and listen to the lovely offering. They also enjoyed dancing with Lady Katel of Ipswich, Lady Rhieinwlydd and Lady Letia.

Lady Margaret Wolsley and Lord Giovan brought many items to interest the children including handmade period children's clothing, swords and information about martial arts, and a demonstration of weaving. Lady Kateryn Rous brought period monies, dentrifices (which the children enjoyed smelling!), pottery, and taught the families about dying and period clothing. Lady Tessa de Spina had illuminated manuscripts to share and also demonstrated this worthy art which was most interesting to those who had seen the beautiful pieces in the exhibit and were witnessing them come to life under Lady Tessa's most capable hands. Lady Letia delighted all with her demonstration of bobbin lace—a most complicated art form.

The attendees also demonstrated a broad spectrum of time and place with excellent garb from early Roman, late period English, 12th century Middle Eastern, Tudor English, and 15th Century Italian all represented. Those attending the Family Day event took many pictures with the group and were clearly interested in the workings of the SCA. Lady Rose handed out brochures and answered questions throughout the day.

Watch the Keep for your chance to participate in demos in May and June!!!

Notes From the March Baronial Meeting

The populace of the magnificent Barony of Windmasters' Hill in the great Kingdom of Atlantia met on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at Carolina Pines Park. There was a Baronial Fighter Practice prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by our esteemed Seneschal, Lord Duncan de Brus, at approximately 4:09 pm. (Special thanks to Lord Piero Antonio Volpe for taking notes for our Chronicler, Lady Rosanella Vespucci, who arrived late due to participation in the Nasher Demo.) Their Excellencies, Girard le Bourguignon and Guenievre de Monmarche thanked all those who came to fighter practice this afternoon. Baron Girard has been talking with Baron Bryce of Caer Maer about having an interbaronial event/war. CM has reserved the site they use for Sapphire Joust for the July 4th weekend. It would be a low key event run by CM with activities mostly on Saturday. It would also be Her Excellency's birthday! The site is wet. As of right now, Assessments is called off but that might change. The next event Their Excellencies are attending is Coronation at BJP. The baronial pavilion will be open. Her Excellency is working on a special embroidery/appliqué project. Please contact her for more information.

The Cantons did then report the following:

BUCKSTON—Seneschal Margaret Wolsley was not present as she was attending the Nasher Demo. She sent word that Buckston is working on another demo at the North Regional Library in June. Volunteers will be needed for this!

ELVEGAST— They are working on the April 18th event that is co-sponsored with Attilium (Adrianna and Bjorn av Trollfjorden are autocrats). Newcomers are encouraged to attend. Several baronial champions will be chosen. A ball will be held after feast which will be cooked by Oissine. Details of some of the fighting (particularly the equestrian) were discussed. There will be 3 "teams" (black, green, red). Marion le Red is the reservationist. The fees will be \$10 day for camping/night, \$10 for feast, +\$3 for the non-member surcharge.

KAPELLENBERG— They are meeting on Mondays. Fighter practice has changed locations. Lord Duncan de Brus will be the Autocrat for their upcoming event, Academy of the Rapier. It will be May 8-10 at Optimist Farm and will have both rapier and archery. There will be 17 hours of classes in 4 tracks. The remaining Baronial champions will be chosen.

NIMENFELD— They are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Fighter practice will start next Wednesday at 7:00 pm. There will be weekly target archery practice starting April 6th beginning mid-afternoon until Dark. Contact Lord Steafan O'Riley for more details.

The Baronial Officers did then report the following:

HERALD— Lord James of Middle Aston reported that there was nothing new to report.

MINISTER OF THE LIST—Lady Helwynn Ivelchild reported that she has accepted the position of Regional MOL Deputy for the Kingdom. She has received permission to continue her role as Baronial MOL as well. She needs assistance with MOL duties at the upcoming Tourney of Friends.

EXCHEQUER—Lady Trepina did report that Ymir brought in a profit of just over \$5,000. This was due in part to the camp giving us \$1,000 off the site costs because there was still a lot of construction going on. The Barony currently has \$18,594.54 in the bank with \$3,353.00 currently allotted. Lady Trepina asked that the populace remember that her position is a volunteer position and to please not yell at the Exchequer.

CHRONICLER—Lady Rose stated that her first Windlore has been posted and that she is working on a better time schedule so that our newsletter won't be late. She asked that the populace please remember to submit articles, news items and other items of interest (including photos) and to please read the Windlore!

WEB MINISTER—Lord Malcolm Boru stated that the new website is up and running and that any suggestions or questions can be sent to webstaff@windmastershill.org. Many thanks to all those who helped particularly Lord Phaedrus and Lord Nikolai Ivanovich. Lord Nikolai Ivanovich reminded the populace to log on and add yourself to the directory if you are a member of the Barony. They may be scheduling a training session for any seneschals that are handling their groups' webpages. There was discussion about how non-WH members can access information when needed. There are currently users registered who are not WH members. This is all monitored by the webminister.

CHATELAINE—Lady Marion le Red did report that Buckston was doing a demo at the Nasher Museum today. Lady Rose reported that the event was well attended and the demo was very successful. Elvegast is doing the Renaissance Faire demo the next two weekends at a new site. They still need help and folks can sign up with Solvarr and Marion. For more information go to tinyurl.com/renfairedemo. The forge will be there and the first staffing at the "field of honor" will be at 10:15.

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QUARTERMASTER— Lady Marion le Red reported that all the items used for Ymir are back in the Baronial shed. They are preparing to loan items out for the Elvegast/Atillium Tourney of Friends event.

RAPIER MARSHALL—Lord Wistric Oftun reported that two fighters came to the Baronial practice today. He encouraged everyone to get more involved in Rapier fighting.

HEAVY MARSHALL—Sir Rodrigo Falcone reported that Cantons need to be sure they are getting all warrants and reports in timely. He is also in the process of working on a more regular larger practice to be held the 5th Sunday of every month. They are seeking a site that would be convenient for an area to include Windmasters' Hill to Richmond.

MINISTER OF YOUTH— Elizabeth Hannsler reported that she is seeking donations of period games and activities for children. They are working on more activities for teens and assistance with children's activities is needed.

MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES— Lady Sunneva de Cleia was unable to attend. She sent her report to advise that seven citizens participated in KASF competitions or displays. See Her Excellency's report (<http://windmastershill.org/node/537>) for more details. Adriana la Bretonne will be holding A&S get togethers at baronial practices. Please see her for more details. There was a scriptorium! Monday, March 16 at Margaret Wolseley's place. See Margaret for more information. Lady Sunneva de Cleia will be the A&S coordinator for the Academie of the Rapier, May 8-12 (<http://windmastershill.org/node/638>). She also advised that there are some rather cool forums dedicated to A&S on our lovely new baronial website: <http://windmastershill.org/forum/16>. Go, sign up, discuss! Her attendance at baronial meetings will be limited until the end of April, as she has prior engagements that take precedence. However, she can be reached at moas@windmastershill.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lord Duncan de Brus recognized Lord Nikolai Ivanovich to discuss the event for Duchess Arielle. The event has been moved to June 13 at Optimist Farm. Because of other changes, the Barony needs to re-vote on funding the event. There was a motion to re-approve the event under the same motion that was put forth before. Sir Falcone moved and Lord Gaelan seconded. The motion carried with one abstention. Information about the format and scheduling for the event can be found at www.tournamentforarielle.org.

His Excellency reported that there is still a need for a camp steward for Pennsic. One person has expressed an interest and other volunteers are still welcome. They will be making a choice very soon. There was some discussion on replacing the bridge at the camp site.

Baron Steafan O'Riley reported that he is involved with the Partnership for Children who is having a "Kids' Stuff" event the last weekend in April. The Barony has allowed him in the past to borrow the eric for this event to cordone off an area for safety reasons and he requested to borrow it again. There was a motion and second and approval by the populace to allow him to borrow it. Baron Steafan reported that he will also be painting the eric in return for its use.

Baroness Adrianna reported that they have reserved some rooms at Camp Durant for after the Renn Faire demo for those who volunteer. There will be a Bardic and celebration on April 4th around 6ish. Anyone who wants to come is invited. A donation of a few dollars would be most welcome.

Lord Duncan de Brus reported that the SCA Board of Directors is considering policy regarding ownership of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator). There is concern that groups who have these may be liable for damages if the devices are not properly maintained or used. The BoD is considering a ban on ownership of such devices. The populace is invited to submit commentary about the new policy.

Lord Duncan de Brus reported a need to update our Baronial charter and policy. There will be committees set up to accomplish this—one for the charter and one for the policy.

Lady Marion le Red reported that her father is doing better and she thanked the populace for their thoughts and prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.



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ANACHRONISM, INC.

The Board of Directors will be holding its Quarterly meeting in the Kingdom of Atlantia, in Williamsburg, Virginia, at the Williamsburg Lodge.

The Directors and Corporate staff would like to extend a cordial invitation for all to attend the meeting. The public meeting will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 and will begin at 9:00am. We are very pleased to be traveling to Atlantia, and are looking forward to meeting people and gaining input from the attendees. We hope to see you there!

From the Baron and Baroness...



Greetings, Windmasters!

We hope Spring finds you well, and that all the recent rain hasn't washed anyone away.

There are lots of exciting events and demos in the next month, and we're looking forward to seeing you then.

It was great having a well-attended Baronial practice in March - we'd

like to challenge even more people to attend April's practice. After all, it's not too early to think about Pennsic.

One last thing - after the successful demo at the Nasher Art Museum, and the upcoming (as of this writing) demo at the NC Renaissance Faire, there may be a number of new faces at meetings,

practices and events. Please make them welcome.



Yours in service to the Barony,

*Girard and Guenièvre
Baron and Baroness of
Windmasters' Hill*



HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AT
WWW.WINDMASTERSHILL.ORG

GET TO KNOW YOUR BARONY



LADY KATEL OF IPSWICH

PHOTO BY BARON BARDULF

Lady Katel of Ipswich found the SCA when she was a sophomore in college about eight years ago. She went to a history alive event at the Norfolk botanical gardens. They had re-enactors there from every era. The SCA was there and had a large trebuchet and they were flinging pumpkins with it. Lady Katel had so much fun with flinging pumpkins that she never made it around to the rest of the sites. Her friends all went on without her. She stayed and talked to people about their beautiful garb and they shared some of the medieval food they were cooking and told her how to get involved. Lady Katel showed up to the first A&S night in Tir-Y-Don and never left. Kat, as she is affectionately known to the Barony, is very involved in the Canton of Buckston-on-Eno and regularly attends meetings and events. She can almost always be found in the kitchen, assisting the venerated feastocrats of Atlantia, working tirelessly to feed the masses at events throughout the year. Kat is known for her love of all things dark and deadly and is likely to be seen wearing her pirate-themed apron with the sparkly skull in front. She can also be persuaded to show other pirate-themed...ahem...attire, with little to no provocation. In fact, her pirate attire is so famous that there is a famous bard in the process of writing a song to immortalize her! Kat is also an Archery Marshall who is most able to run an archery event with skill and tenacity.

In the mundane world, Kat is an art teacher who is truly dedicated to the children that she serves. She has a Masters Degree in Art and is very talented at drawing and pottery. She is also roommates with Lady Marianna de Salamanca and they often open their home to anyone with a desire for a "sewing day" at their house. She is the proud owner of a cat named Lucy Fur (affectionately referred to as "the spawn of Santa) and two rescued ferrets.

Each month we will highlight a member of the Barony in the *Windlore*. This will give us all a chance to get to know each other better, and assist newcomers in identifying "who's who and what do they do." If you would be willing to be a highlighted Windy Kitty, please send an email to the Chronicler – don't be shy, we want to know about YOU!

WINDMASTERS' HILL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2009

4th—5th Renaissance Faire Demo

<http://groups.google.com/group/SCA-NC-ren-faire-demo-2009?hl=en>

10th-12th Coronation of Logan and Esa

http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=cb659d2a

17th-19th Grand Tourni de L'Amitie

http://www.geocities.com/canton_of_atillium/event.html

19th Humber Lecture:

Fashioning Portraits in Renaissance Italy

<http://ncartmuseum.org/events/lectures.shtml#lectures>

MAY 2009

1st-3rd Spring Crown Tournament

http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_info.php?event_id=4bfefa4f

8th-10th Academie of the Rapier

http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_info.php?event_id=0e6a70d1

16th Farewell Party for Galeran and Rhi

Hosted by Their Excellencies at Their Home

22nd-24th Sapphire Joust X

<http://geocities.com/sapphirejoust/>

Watch the Keep for the Date and Time of our April Baronial Meeting!



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