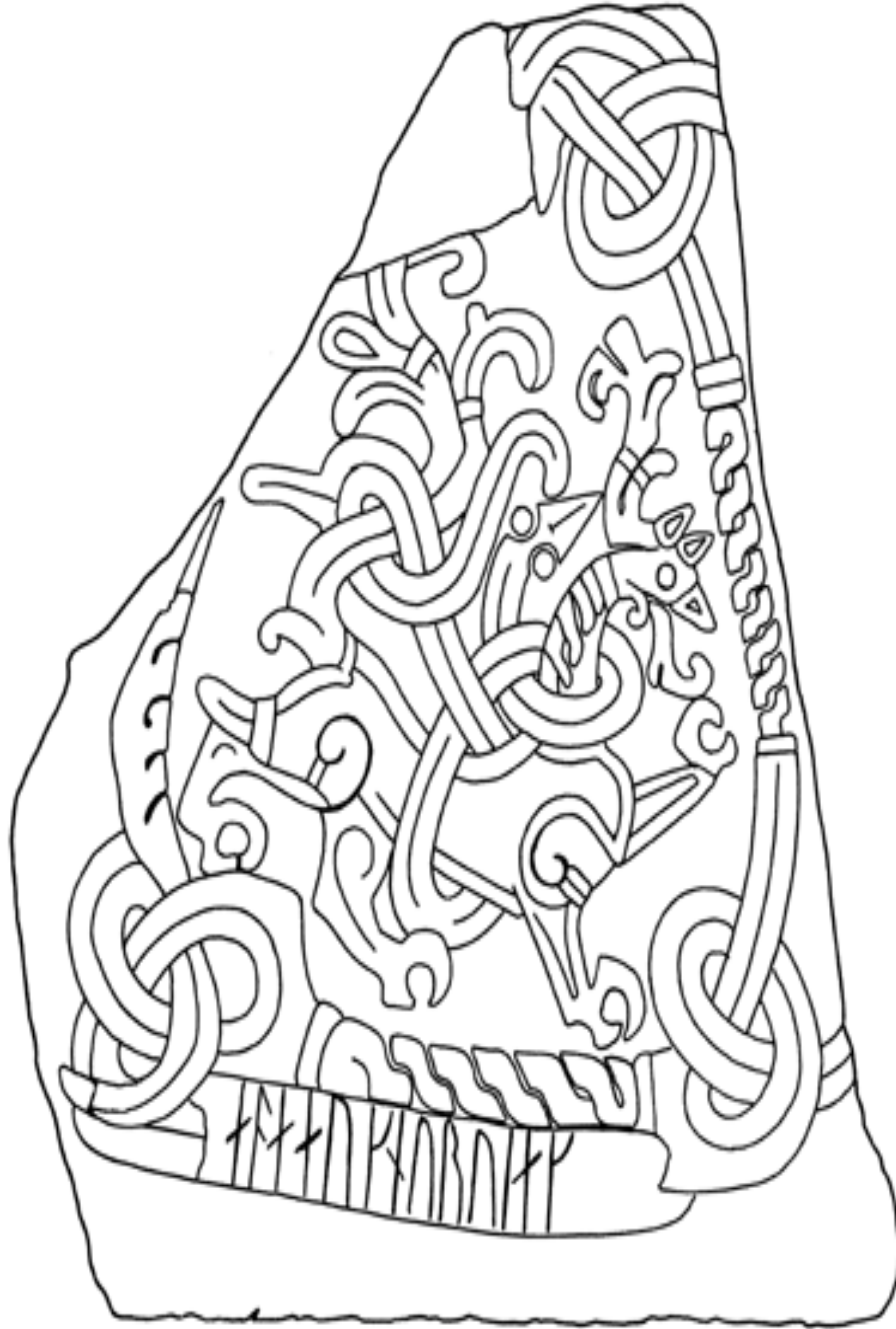


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## Dates To Remember

**Every Wednesday:** Fighters' Practice. Location: Under the Washington – Jefferson Street Bridge in Eugene. Hours: 7 – 9 pm.

**Every Sunday:** Outdoor Archery Practice, 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Hosted by Sæthrð Seolferlocc. Location: 3130 Summit Sky Blvd, Eugene. Take your best route to Bailey Hill Road. Turn on Warren; take the first right to continue on Warren. Take the second right to Summit Sky Blvd. We are the green and yellow house across from Los Altos Lane. Please park in the driveway and not on the street. Call 541-505-7589 if the weather looks "iffy." Sæþrð will marshal Royal Rounds, IKACs, and provide instruction. Some loaner recurve and longbow gear is available.

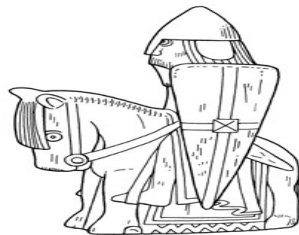
**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Costuming Night, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Hosted by Alysandre Welden d'Ath and Angharad Vach. Location: 84900 S. Willamette Street, Eugene. This is a general sewing night with an emphasis on researching and recreating period clothing. For the time being, special emphasis is on making outfits for 12<sup>th</sup> Night.. Directions: Find your best way to Willamette St. in Eugene and head South, when Willamette and Donald split off of each other at 32nd St, keep right to stay on Willamette, then continue over a couple large hills and out of the city. We are at the southern end of Willamette St, about 1 mile past Spencer Butte Park. As you near the end of Willamette St, you will see a Slow sign followed by a "Left Turn 30 MPH" sign. Our driveway is the paved driveway on the right, IMMEDIATELY after the Left Turn sign. We are the last house on the driveway, past the gate that says MOORE on it.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Thingmakers', 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Hosted by Marian Starvaald. Location: 2328 Roosevelt Blvd., Eugene. Come help the Barony make the prizes and gifts needed for 12th night, and next Egils! Bring your own ideas and projects, or come see what Marian comes up with!

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Baronial Council, 7 – 9 pm. Location: Cafe Yumm, 730 E. Broadway, Eugene. Once you enter the restaurant, take a left and keep going until you reach the back section of the building. The cost of any meals ordered is applied to the fee for renting the space, so make sure you tell them that you are with the SCA group if you wish to contribute in this manner.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>** – Scribal Social Day, all day. Hosted by Lady Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle. Come and join me for a day of painting charters, random A&S projects and possibly heraldic commentary/consulting! Lots of fun things to do, and I will feed you lunch and dinner. Come hungry and ready to do awesome stuff! Directions: From I-5 N, take exit 228 and head towards Corvallis. Turn right on 3rd Street. Follow 3rd street straight out of downtown towards Lewisburg (it will turn into Hwy 99W, so if you want to come to Corvallis on 99W that will work too). Turn left onto Lewisburg Avenue, and then right onto Mountain View Drive just past the fire station. Turn left onto Burgundy Drive. Wind your way up the hill and then turn right onto Sisters Place. Mine is the last house on the right. You can park anywhere in the driveway or around the cul-de-sac. Ring the bell when you arrive, I likely won't hear anyone knocking.

**December 30<sup>th</sup>** – Costuming Night, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Hosted by Alysandre Welden d'Ath and Angharad Vach. Location: 84900 S. Willamette St., Eugene. See further details for Costuming Night above.



## Upcoming Events

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### **Twelfth Night Coronation Barony of Adiantum (*Eugene, OR*) January 9 – 11, 2009**

Unto the people of An Tir and of the known world, Adiantum invites you to come and witness the final court of King Owain ap Einar and Queen Adwen Wrenn and join us to celebrate the crowing of our new King and Queen, Vik Vikingsson and Inga the Unfettered. On Friday night please join us for a masked ball. The Ball will have a Venetian Carnival theme complete with Commedia dell Arte masks, you will even be able to make your own mask if you so choose. There will be live music, light refreshments and good company. Saturday in celebration of the Sable Thrones there will be many activities and the final court of King Owain ap Einar and Queen Adwen Wrenn.

The Coronation court of Vik Vikingsson and Inga the Unfettered will occur that evening. Sunday will be the Queen's Rapier Championship and even more activities. We will have a market of An Tir's finest merchants and displays of our artisans' works. Merchant information may be found on our website along with pre-registration and hotel information: [www.12thnite.com](http://www.12thnite.com) .

Autocrat: Viscoutness Ceridwen ferch Morgan (mka: Melissa Howerton) 1372 Q St., Springfield, OR 97477. (541) 747-8876 (No calls after 9 pm please); ceridwen3 AT gmail DOT com .

Site info: Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, OR 97401; 1-800-325-4000 . Site opens at 3 pm on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and closes at 5 pm on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Site fees: \$15 for adults ages 18 and up (non member surcharge of \$3 will apply). Children 12 to 17 \$10, children 11 and under are free. Family cap \$50. (Family cap applies to mundane families only.) Make checks payable to “SCA Inc., Barony of Adiantum”.

Directions: Take your best route to I-5. Take Exit 195B on to Beltline Hwy. Take Beltline Hwy to the exit for Delta Hwy/Valley River Center exit (there is no exit number). Turn left onto Delta Hwy. Take the Valley River Center/Willagillespie Rd. exit. Head straight through the light, follow road around; the hotel will be on your left.

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**November Council Minutes**  
**November 24th, 2008 / A.S. XLIII**  
Cafe Yumm!  
730 E. Broadway, Eugene

His Excellency Tadhg started us off with his Word of the month, '**Anachronism**'. Telisia Brutusdottir had done her homework and looked it up! It's defined as 'anything out of its proper historical time'. Tadhg reviewed just what we can discern about our hobby when we look at the words 'Society', 'Creative', and 'Anachronism', on their own. We are indeed a group that shares common customs, a group that sprang out of the collective imaginations of many people, and we have been operating as objects out of our proper time ever since. And his point for bringing all this up is that one will run into some individuals who believe that they are the 'true SCA', and that their version of things is how everyone should do it. Someone's idea of what the SCA is or should be is different from yours. This is not right, nor is it wrong. Whether one likes to party, do research, do fighting, or any of the many other aspects of the SCA – all of those things are fine. There is room for everyone, here.

With Thanksgiving approaching, lots of people tend to think about what isn't going well in their lives. Tadhg exhorted us to take the time to think about what is happy and good and neat in our lives, too. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and hoped that they enjoyed their turkey or ham or tofu or whatever else they chose to celebrate with.

Her Excellency Morrghan thanks all of us for understanding the slight change in accommodations. (There had been miscommunication regarding the reservation, so we met in a smaller room in the same building.) She wished all a great holiday. She also noted that 12<sup>th</sup> Night is approaching, and thanked all those who have helped with it, noting that the stained glass is looking very awesome.

Ceridwen thanked everyone for coming, and reminded that this meeting was going to revolve around budgets, budgets, and more budgets. She also wanted to remind everyone that **Council will meet on its normally-scheduled day, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Morrghan jumped in to state that they are always open to suggestions for affordable meeting places for Council; if you know of a place that you feel would work better, please feel free to let Their Excellencies or the Seneschal know about it.

There was one very brief update, and then it was on to the aforementioned budgets. Karis said that **Sewing Night** will happen every Tuesday from now on, alternating between her house and Alysandre and Angharad's abode. It will start the cycle at Alysandre and Angharad's on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Officers' Reports / Budgets:**

**Archery:** They have been meeting to shoot once a week; when the weather is too inclement to do archery, they throw darts. She has noticed that there used to be competition for darts way back when, and may try to get something started there, again.

For her budget, she was requesting \$350.10. The majority of this would go toward arrow maintainance and repair, and in buying a loaner bow for the Barony. Buying items like arrowheads and nocks in bulk will be cheaper, and will guarantee a supply that will last for at least a couple of years. The Barony currently has a 35-lb ambidextrous bow, and a 40-lb bow. Newbies usually find pulling this weight of bow to be very difficult. For the time being, she has been loaning out her own takedown recurve bows. Aside from the lone ambidextrous bow, there is no loaner gear for left-handed individuals. As for targets, she is still using the targets that were constructed for use at last year's Egils. She will donate the paint and cardboard used to construct any targets. She is therefore not asking for funding to cover this, though she would like a new backstop at some point if the Barony could afford it. She was not including combat arrows or gear, as she did not know if the Barony wanted

to support a combat contingent of archers. Nor did she ask for replacement poles for the Archery pavilion in this estimate, as she did not know if that fell under the Archery budget or the Chamberlain's. (At the mention of poles, Drake mentioned that there are a number of poles loitering about the storage unit, some of which could possibly belong to the Archery pavilion and therefore staving off any need to replace them.) The proposal for the budget was increased by Council to **\$400.10** to cover the costs of targets, as the Barony will have continued use for them beyond Egils, and therefore the Egils budget does not need to cover them. The Archery budget was approved unanimously.

**A & S:** He was not present and did not submit a report, though he did write in later to admit that he had totally spaced on it. The budget for last year was **\$75**, and this was approved again for the coming year by Council, with one dissenting vote.

**Chamberlain:** He still has \$205 left over from last year's budget. He has received lots of donations of both labor and storage devices, and has performed cost-effective repairs himself. He will be resigning in February. He requested a budget of **\$300** for coming repairs. All the poles to all of the pavilions should be replaced. The trailer has been repaired, mostly out of his own pocket. There are still 7 tables that need to be replaced. He will try to get all of the shelves installed in the storage unit before he resigns. He strongly recommends that any future applicant to the position have access to a vehicle that is ½ ton or larger. Anything smaller will get pushed all over the road by the trailer. They must also be prepared to make many trips to and from the Egils site the weekend of the event, and to expect to work long hours at that particular point in time, as well as for any event where much Baronial gear is needed. He has given a key to Alysandre, though Ceridwen still needed one at that time; arrangements were to be made later to get a key to her. Iurii suggested setting aside money for gas to allay the costs of hauling to events such as Egils. Ceridwen answered that we cannot reimburse individuals for gas, but can do so for mileage; the current allowed rate is 14 cents per mile. The budget was unanimously approved.

**Chatelaine:** She has spoken to 9 people in the past month about the SCA. She is making garb for 12<sup>th</sup> Night. She couldn't think of any expenses she might need covered. Last year's budget was **\$175**; it was suggested that much of that went toward printing brochures and flyers to hand out at demos and similar functions, and to purchase things like tea and snacks for hospitality at fighter practices. Morrghan noted that there is still leftover tea and a basket that the Barony can transfer over to her to use. Council approved the budget unanimously.

**Chiurgeon:** As the position is still open, it was agreed that Council can consider a budget for that office when we obtain an Officer for it.

**Chronicler:** REPORT: As of today, I have 5 subscribers. Two take electronic and three take print. I printed 13 copies, and mailed 4 to Kingdom, 3 to Principality, 1 to the Baron and Baroness, and 3 to subscribers, reserving 2 for the Seneschal and the Library. It cost me \$4.29 to print them and \$5.46 to mail them.

My goal before the month is out is to contact my Superiors and make sure just what requirements I need to be fulfilling in providing a newsletter for the Barony. I think I understand the requirements already, but I need to make sure that I'm right.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** On average, it has been costing me around 85 cents to print and mail a Bear. Traditionally, I need to mail 3-4 copies to Kingdom Royalty and Officers, 3-4 copies to Principality Royalty and Officers, a copy to the Baron and Baroness, and one to the Baronial Seneschal. Rounding up, it would therefore cost me about \$8.50 to perform these duties. This would result in an annual cost of \$102.00.

At some point in the year I will probably also need to replace the ink cartridge in my printer, which I use to print out the master copy. I can get one at Wal-Mart for around \$16.00. I use the printer for personal projects, as well, so I am only asking that the Barony split the cost with me.

I do not anticipate incurring any other costs in completing my duties.

I therefore requested that the Barony set aside \$110.00 in the budget for the Chronicler.

Brother Al suggested that the amount be increased to **\$150.00**, to cover increases in postage and such.

Saethryth asked if it would be possible to just put the Bear up as a PDF on the website for people to access, and then just print out free copies to give to people. That basically fell under 'stuff I needed to look into'.

I have since gotten information from the Principality and Kingdom Chroniclers, so I think I have most of the issues covered. I will share my findings later.

The Chronicler's budget of \$150.00 was passed unanimously by Council.

**Exchequer:** She is working with Brother Al, and has received all the equipment and records and is looking it all over. She has the checkbook, but isn't on the account yet and therefore hasn't written any checks. She knows for sure that her printing and shipping costs for her necessary reports will be \$8.00. In all, she requested **\$50.00**, and Council approved this unanimously.

**Gold Key:** She wasn't present, but posted a report. She didn't have anything to report for this past month. Pretty much all of her funds come from the sale and rental of items from the Gold Key booth, so she did not request a budget.

**Herald:** She wasn't present, but sent in a report. There was no Heraldry Night this month, but she wants to have one in December, possibly on the second Tuesday of the month. She also wants to start up regular meetings once the holidays are over. She has a good basic library to work with, but requests **\$50.00** for her budget in order to procure more, namely books of French/Norman and German names.. Council unanimously approved it.

**Marshal:** He wasn't present and didn't send in a report. He had **\$25.00** for a budget last year, and the motion to renew this budget was approved unanimously.

**Park Liason:** Fearga will finish up her commitments by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Parks no longer has an office in Dexter, so arranging a meeting will be trickier for Karis, but she can still do it. She will poke at Kees about that pesky refund that we still haven't received. Her position does not require a budget.

**Pied Piper:** This position is currently not filled, so Council will visit the subject of a budget for it should it attain an Officer.

**Scribe:** She was not present, and did not send in a report. The office had \$260 for a budget last year, but we are not sure that will be enough to cover all the supplies that Elizabeth needs, since she has had to build her kit from scratch. It was agreed to re-visit the subject at a time when Elizabeth is present to enumerate exactly what supplies she needs.

**Seneschal:** Things are going well; she has done all of the changeover paperwork, and burnt through an ink cartridge printing out her handbook. She requested **\$50** to cover paper and ink. This request was approved unanimously.

**Thingmakers:** She was not present, but sent in a report. They are painting masks, and the garment bags should be finished by mid-December.. Iurii donated oak-and-wax tablets. There will be no more prep nights for 12<sup>th</sup> Night, and she reminds us all that there are only four more meetings scheduled between 12<sup>th</sup> Night and Egils.

Thingmakers has produced more than 350 items in the past year for events and Baronial use. She requested **\$200** to procure the proper materials in as labor-saving a manner as possible in order to make up for losing 6 months of production work that would normally have been devoted to Egils. It was unanimously approved.

**Waterbearer:** He hasn't had any new activity since last month. December is when his term ends, and he does not intend on re-applying. He did not request a budget for the coming year, as he feels that the office has all the equipment it needs and it is all well-maintained.

**Webminister:** He worked over some glitches on the website with the Seneschal and got Archery info up there, much to Saethryth's delight. He welcomes projects and has plenty of time right now to do armorial stuff, as well as biographies...so send them in! He needs a calendar deputy as well as a regular deputy to eventually take his place. The main item that he believes would be needed in an upcoming budget is web-design software that can be handed on to the next Officer, as it's really hard to find a person with both the ability **and** the equipment. The cheapest software suite costs \$385; while this is a hefty cost, it is still a **lot** cheaper than hiring someone to do the work. He did admit that it is not a pressing issue, but urged us to keep it in mind. Ceridwen asked if the cost of the software is stable; it is, and is actually likely to go down over time. No immediate update that would render the suite obsolete is on the horizon anytime soon. Council decided to keep this issue in mind for a later time.

**Work Party:** He was not present, nothing's really been going on to report about. Last year's budget was **\$150** for gas and oil for the weeders, lawnmowers, and other assorted equipment. Council approved unanimously to renew this amount for the coming year.

The total budget approved by Council for 2009 was **\$1,625.10**.

After all of that business was concluded, there was a small amount of time – about five minutes or so, for Iurii, Anna, and Richard to give us a rundown of their proposal for Egils. Anna autocrafted Midwinter's in 2004 and has organized projects mundanely, as well as the demo in Cottage Grove with Richard. They will be receiving guidance from Karis. Iurii has been speaking with Alysandre and Angharad and is networking with them. He is also working on getting more fit physically, so he can be more help at the work parties. He has filled out the reservation forms for the event date. They will have a detailed bid next month.

Saethryth asked them to provide a detailed project management schedule, as well.

Amalric can have the site up by 12<sup>th</sup> Night. The announcement of another party working on the website was met with some confusion and consternation by Digr and Rachel, especially as Rachel had requested to work on the site last month. Tadhg told them that this is actually a good thing, as it saves them a lot of work. Morrghan stated that it has been common practice to have Amalric or someone else working on the website.

Lastly, Iurii invited anyone interested in helping out with Egils to contact him. He has been trying to solicit responses from former committee members. Morrghan cautioned him that he cannot be passive with this, and that he must be prepared to go and hunt people down if necessary, and assign tasks or delegate things.

With this, our scheduled time was up, and Council was adjourned.



The following people were present:

**Ceridwen ferch Morgan**  
**Morrghan O' Siodhachain**  
**Anna Rijdsdam**  
**Tadhg O' Murchadha the Wanderer**  
**Richard Otto**  
**Telisia Brutusdottir**  
**Johanna Trewpeny**  
**Gabrielle D'Arci**  
**Rachel Vashnia**  
**Digr Ketelson**  
**Lord Iurii Levchenich**  
**Fionnbharr Starfyr of the Isles**  
**Karis Pursey**  
**Ariana Aislinn**  
**Drake McGuffin**  
**Alyn MacBlane**  
**Ophelia**  
**Saethryth**  
**Aesa Sigtryggdottir**

**Council will be held again on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cafe Yumm! 730 E. Broadway, Eugene.**

These notes were taken, compiled and edited by Aesa Sigtryggdottir. If you feel there is an inconsistency between what you remember and what happened, you may contact me at [silverwolfadiantum \[AT\] yahoo \[DOT\] com](mailto:silverwolfadiantum@yahoo.com). Apologies in advance if I mis-spelled your name, though I am hugely impressed with the neatness of writing this time around, as well as all the beautiful drawings. You guys are awesome!. Proshyai!

## **An SCA Glossary**

*Every now and then, a term pops up in conversation that we may not be acquainted with, or which we do not fully understand. Therefore, I've decided to include some excerpts from a glossary, so that we might either re-acquaint ourselves with the meanings of terms, or meet up with them for the first time.*

*These definitions come from the article, 'Who's Who – And What's What', published in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Knowne World Handbook. They were prepared by the editors of that handbook, after consultation with people in all Kingdoms of the Knowne World. ~ A. S.*

**Waiver:** Official document signed by everyone attending SCA combat events, indicating that they understand the risks inherent in the activity and agree not to sue if those risks result in injury to themselves or their property. Most members sign a continuing waiver on the membership application form, to save time and effort at events.

**War:** A gathering at which the main event is one or more fighting competitions for large groups of participants, involving the use of woodlands or other broken terrain and sometimes a mixture of Heavy Weapons and Archery combat. The sides may be drawn from different Kingdoms or other geographical groups, or by some altogether whimsical means. Wars usually feature some non-martial activities as well, as the fighting often disappears into wooded areas out of sight of the spectators.

**Warrant:** A document indicating that an individual holds a specific office. May be either a separate piece of paper bearing the signatures of the appointing authorities, or an official list of all persons currently holding an office in various groups.

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