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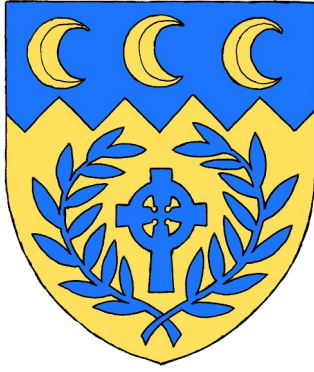
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this month's cover

The Thrones of the Kingdom of Calontir stand on site at Autumn Arrows XXXII in October 2024. And now we make ready for Autumn Arrows XXXIII! We don't expect that Their Majesties will deign to attend this year, but we will give it our best for the archers and populace of Calontir!

calanais nuadh regular meetings

The Shire of Calanais Nuadh meets on most Monday evenings at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in the Fellowship Hall, 367 Old Route 66 in St. Robert, Missouri.

Meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Garb is optional.

Regular Schedule:

- 1st Monday: Project Night (canceled Labor Day)
- 2nd Monday: Business Meeting & Potluck
- 3rd Monday: Project Night
- 4th Monday: Arts & Sciences Class Night
- 5th Monday (if any): Swap Meet

For details of upcoming meetings, check our website, and for the latest news find us on Facebook; see inside front cover.

archery practice

Our Archery Practices are held some Sunday afternoons at the Beaver Creek Conservation Area on US-63 in Rolla, Missouri. There is a driveway across from the VFW Post which leads to the archery range.

If you plan to attend archery practice, please contact our Seneschal, Catin of Edington, by Saturday evening; she can tell you the start time, which varies by season. Also let Catin know if you will need the Shire's loaner equipment.

fighter practice

For information on Fighter Practices, contact our Knights Marshal, James Inn Danski.

well done, debora!

Our own Lady Debora de Ffrogenhole won this year's Queen's Prize Arts & Sciences tournament with a bronze age costume in progress.

Congratulations to Debora! May you continue to be lauded for your good work!

FROM THE CHRONICLER, WITH CALL FOR PROJECT PICTURES

Greetings from your shire chronicler!

It has been a long time, but modern life has its trials for us all. I took a hiatus for personal reasons, and I am grateful to the gentle folk of our Shire for their support and patience.

But little by little I am returning to my duties. I have already resumed taking minutes of our monthly business meetings (available in the Files of our Facebook Group), and now I feel that it's time to return to this newsletter.

I'm being reminded how much I enjoy putting the newsletter together, but I am also looking to ease the burden that I was unable to sustain before. The biggest change is that **The Dancing Moon will now be on a quarterly schedule.** I plan to release new issues on the last Mondays of February, May, August, and November. Some of the coming events features are also being adjusted due to this change: the Shire meeting schedule (page 3) now lists only our general pattern since planning details three months out is impractical, but the Kingdom and Known World events section (page 6) has been expanded.

Also, taking a consistent approach makes some things less stressful, so I have decided that every month's cover borders will be images of period objects (or replicas), which I enjoy sourcing online. This month we have an illuminated border from a 15th century chronicle of Hungarian history, chosen to fit with this year's Autumn Arrows theme and Hungarian feast.

However, submissions remain welcome!

As such, **my submission request for this quarter is: pictures of your projects!** Old projects or new, large or small.

This request is inspired by Lady Debora de Ffrogenhole's victory at this year's Queen's Prize Tournament (see page 3). Our Shire Arts & Sciences champion at the time, His Lordship James Inn Danski, entered as well.

As always, I will need permission from the creators to print anything you submit (unless it's in the public domain).

Yours in Service until next month!

SUMMER BUSINESS REPORT

In June, we forwent our monthly business meeting in favor of Lilies War, but once our expedition had returned, we were back to making plans for Autumn Arrows and more.

In July, this chronicler volunteered to put on another hat, and with the assent of those present, I am now also Shire Minister of Arts & Sciences. If you teach classes, enter Arts & Sciences competitions, or have some other special occurrence in that vein, I would be happy to include it in my reports to the Kingdom! And if you're looking for Arts & Sciences related information, I will do my best to help!

And preparation for **Autumn Arrows** got into full swing! Many thanks to our Shire Herald Mistress Rose for stepping up as Event Steward; please contact her if you can volunteer. As of this writing we're looking for help with running our annual auction.

We will also be looking for auction items. Donations are greatly appreciated! Receiving them in advance is helpful, but last-minute contributions are welcome as well. This year we hope to offer a silent auction as well as our usual evening live auction.

And at our August meeting, we heard the Kingdom's call for bids to host next year's Queen's Prize and began looking into the possibility. It's only tentative exploration at this point, but when it comes to hosting events, our Shire truly is small but mighty!

Complete meeting minutes are available in the Files of our Facebook group or by request from the Chronicler.

well ðone, hildegarð!

Your editor herself, Lady Hildegard the Clever, won the Baroness' Choice Arts & Sciences prize at Feast of Eagles at the Shire of Cúm an Iolair in July.

She's been a bit cagey about showing off her winning piece, however. It seems she has some sort of plan...



shire picnic REPORT

By Lady Hildegard the Clever

On Sunday, August 17th, Alan and Margery once again hosted our annual Shire Picnic at their home.

Members brought a plentiful and delicious potluck meal, including previews of dishes planned for the Inn and Feast at Autumn Arrows. Those previews were well-received, and it seems some root vegetables will be having their day in the sun.

Our Shire Archery Championship had been planned as part of the picnic, but it was delayed due to the heat of the day. **Tentatively, the Shire Archery Championship will now be held on the first evening of Autumn Arrows, Friday, October 3rd.** Watch our Facebook group or contact our Seneschal, Catin, for any updates.

Our Shire Arts & Sciences Championship did proceed as planned, though unfortunately there was only one entry this year. Your editor Hildegard took the prize with a period-style adaptation of modern pop song lyrics, rendered

in calligraphy. She received the Arts & Sciences Champion's flask from previous champion James Inn Danski; see photo below. Here's hoping that we see more of our Shire's abundant skill on display at next year's picnic!

Even our annual group picture, usually taken outside, was moved indoors due to the heat; see photo at left.

We continued making plans for Autumn Arrows. Hildegard had volunteered as Inn Steward, and several members stepped forward to volunteer inn dishes. Disa and James were seen planning record-keeping for the archery contests.

But most of the talk was more relaxed, a time for simple fun and fellowship. Several of us enjoyed sampling mead (with a responsible delay to recover before driving home), especially selections from our friends at Ozark Viking Meadery. And, as per tradition, at least one person worked on a project in progress.

Thanks once again to our gracious hosts, all our generous cooks, and everyone who joined us to share in the day or who was there in spirit. Here's to another year of good work, learning, and friendship with the Shire of Calanais Nuadh!



Above: Hildegard the Clever receives the Shire Arts & Sciences Champion's flask from previous champion James Inn Danski.

Top Left: Members gather for a group picture at our Shire Picnic (not all members present.)

recipe of the issue: hildegarð's FAVORITE FRUMENTY

by Hildegard the Clever

Inspired by [History Dollop](#)'s "Plain Saxon" frumenty with my own adaptations for ease and flavor, this hearty and savory grain dish is one of my go-to potluck offerings.

1 ¼ c. pearl barley
32 oz carton liquid beef broth
3 Tbsp dried chopped onion
1 Tbsp parsley flakes
1 Tbsp celery flakes
1 tsp rubbed sage
(Optional: dried meat, chopped small)

Combine 3 cups broth, barley, herbs (and meat if used) in a slow cooker. Cook on Low for 3 hours or High for 1 hour, until barley is tender. Just before serving, add remaining broth and bring back to heat.

Note: For feast-sized batches, use a roaster set to about 190 degrees for 3 hours.

The type of broth or stock and mix of herbs can be changed as you wish – my advice: don't be shy with the herbs!

Changing the grain is more risky and may require a much longer cooking time. Make sure to test in advance before doing so for a potluck or event. (Ask me how I know...)

around the kingdom and the known world

Events nearby with our neighbors in the Kingdom of Calontir and marvellous means of connecting with SCA fellows near and far:

online classes & events

University of Atlantia Online Session September 21st-22nd

Online classes from the Kingdom of Atlantia, available to all. Pre-registration required, starting September 1st. More information: university.atlantia.sca.org

Known World Newcomers Symposium November 29th

An all-day online event via Zoom. Newcomers and SCA veterans will come together for classes, roundtable discussions, and enjoying each other's company! The event is entirely free. More information: atenveldt.org/kwns-2025/.

Thursday Night RUSH Some Thursdays

Online classes from Calontir's own Royal University of Scir Hafoc, usually one Thursday per month. For more information check the Kingdom's Virtual Arts & Sciences Calendar: calontir.org/arts-sciences/virtual-classes/ – or join the "Kingdom of Calontir Arts and Sciences" Facebook group.

Sunday Night with the Scribes

Sundays, Zoom opens at 6 pm, class at 7 pm

Spend the evening with Scribal Arts folk from around the Known World. Open to anyone interested or involved in scribal arts in the SCA. For connection information and class schedule, visit the website at scribal.art.

WITHIN A FAIR DAY'S RIDE

King's Companie of Archers September 5th - 7th, Smithville, MO

The Barony of The Lonely Tower hosts Calontir's annual kingdom-level archery event. Leashed service animals only due to a staff allergy.

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Gryphon's Fest: Canterbury Tales

September 19th - 21st, Elsberry, MO

The Barony of Three Rivers hosts Archery, Armored Combat, Arts & Sciences, Cut & Thrust Combat, Equestrian Activities, and more.

Autumn Arrows XXXIII:

Steppe into Hungary

October 3rd - 5th, Laquey, MO

Our own annual camping event with Archery, Thrown Weapons, Arts & Sciences, Bardic, Feast, Auction and more. This year's event theme: "Steppe into Hungary" – from legendary Huns to kingdom-founding Magyars to invading Mongols, Hungary's unique history has been shaped by bow-wielding warriors from the Steppe. To get involved, see "Business Report" page 4. More information:

www.shireofcalanaisnuadh.org/autumnarrows

Chilies

October 9th - 13th, Smithville, MO

The Barony of Forgotten Sea hosts a bit of the Lilies War fun without the Lilies War heat. Archery, Armored Combat, Arts & Sciences, Cut & Thrust Combat, Equestrian Activities, Youth Activities, and more.

Fall Crown Tournament

November 8th, Carthage, MO

The Shire of Crystal Mynes hosts the semiannual contest for the Crown of Calontir. Watch for online streaming coverage as well!

Toys for Tots Tournament

November 15th, Jefferson City, MO

Our neighbors at the Shire of Wyvern Cliffe host their annual tournament and Toys for Tots donation drive. Rattan, Steel, Archery, and Youth tourneys with tournament entry fee of one new toy (at least \$5 value), plus prizes for the individual and group donating the most toys.

For more information and more events,
visit the Calontir Kingdom Calendar:
calontir.org/calendar.

this moon brought to
you by the letter...



This "S" comes from the Chronicon Pictum, a 14th century illuminated manuscript of the history of Hungary.

Here we have an example of an "inhabited" initial, and for once the fancy scribal term means just what it sounds like: that someone or something is living inside.

In this case, that someone is Stephen I of Hungary, also known as King Saint Stephen, who reigned from about 1000 to 1038 CE. The red-and-white stripes seen on his tunic and the patriarchal cross on his shield and banner are part of the coat of arms of Hungary to this day.

'til the next moon,
hildegarð, chronicler

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