

Caw Esfee Shin

In the land of the Cross and
Serpent has been busy this
winter.



Barony of An Crosaire

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From the Chronicler

Honorable Lady Maebdh ni Siobhan

Good gentles of An Crosaire, I bid you welcome.

Please remember, this is YOUR newsletter, not mine. I serve at your pleasure and for your benefit and enjoyment. If you wish to contribute or have views about the baronial newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Submissions are welcome from the populaces of The Barony of An Crosaire and Cantons of Matham Trove and Amurgorod. I will be more than happy to entertain any and all constructive contributions.

Please submit your contributions by the end of the quarter. An announcement will be made at the business meeting to remind you of the upcoming deadline.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this publication. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Warmest Regards,

Honorable Lady Maebdh ni Siobhan

Baronial Chronicler

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Calendar of Events

March 2015

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 15-22 | GULF WARS XXII KQ PP | Gleann Abhann | King's Arrow Ranch |
|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|

April 2015

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|-------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 3-5 | Spring Coronation KQ | Kingdom/Oldenfeld | Camp Ocala |
| 10-12 | St Georges Fair | Mathom Trove * (see below) Amurgorod / An Crosaire | Camp Kiwanis |
| 17-19 | Gathering of the Clans | Darkwater | Camp Kiwanis |
| 25 | Tourney of the Rose | Sea March | PBG Moose Lodge (T) |
| 26 | Marcaster Spring Revel | Marcaster | Largo Park |

* Because Mathom Trove is currently dormant Amurgorod and the Baronial Community is coming together to ensure that St. George's Fair happens as planned.

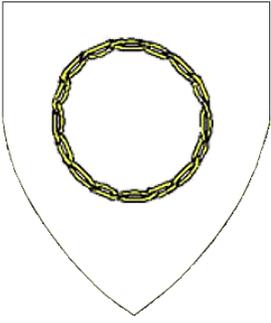
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| 1-3 | Oldenfeld Anniversary | Oldenfeld | Camp Indian Springs |
| 8-10 | Trimarian Tournament of Champions | Kingdom | Renninger's - Mt Dora, FL |
| 22-25 | Trimaris Memorial Tourney (TMT) KQ | Kingdom - An Crosaire | Camp Ocala |

Information listed on the calendar is gathered from the Kingdom of Trimaris web page and from our own Barony. Errors in information, changes in dates or locations or any other inaccuracies are apologized for. If some information listed is incorrect, please contact the Baronial Chronicler so the information may be corrected as quickly as possible.

KQ Indicates the current King and Queen of Trimaris will be in attendance at listed event

PP Indicates the current Prince and Princess of Trimaris will be in attendance at listed event



Knights of An Crosaire

If you wish to learn the art of martial combat as it pertains to our wondrous Kingdom of Trimaris, the following Knights of Trimaris reside within our barony and may be sources of inspiration as well as information for aspiring martial combatants in the realm of heavy weapons. Please approach them with both the respect and courtesy their dedication towards our dream warrants, this is not a simple achievement or one to be taken lightly. To the left of their names are their devices so you may identify their heraldry when seen.



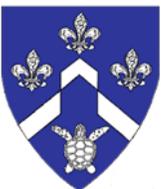
Sir Koppel fun Baurieux



Sir Tymme Colbert le Gard



Sir Erika Bjornsdottir



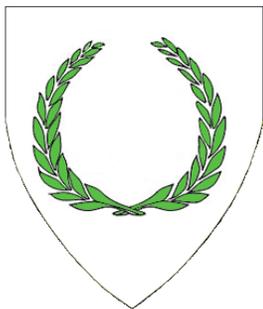
Sir Tuold Dunstan Arminge



Sir Subadai Baavgai Bahadur



Sir Jebe Keriat



Laurels of An Crosaire

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Master Rurik Petrovich Stoianov



Mistress Madhavi of Jaisalmer



Mistress Barb Hah Rah



Mistress Anne of Blackthorne



Mistress Ceridwen o Cahercomman



Mistress Signy Ottarsdottir



Mistress Dulcia MacPherson



Mistress Dianna Wyndalan of Kidwelly



Master Ibrahim ibn Abih al Thaalibi



Eglantine de Wolfe



Mistress Gwennan ferch Gwydion o'Ddyved



Pelicans of An Crosaire

If you wish to learn the ways of service as it pertains to our wondrous Kingdom of Trimaris, the following Pelicans of Trimaris reside within our barony and may be sources of inspiration as well as information for aspiring volunteers. Please approach them with both the respect and courtesy their dedication towards our dream warrants, this is not a simple achievement or one to be taken lightly. To the left of their names are their devices so you may identify their heraldry when seen.



Master Koppel fun Baurieux



Mistress Teamhair Gleann da Locha



Mistress Natasha Varvara Stoianova



Master Rurik Petrovich Stoianov



Mistress Chaabi Merkit



Mistress Thalassia Hellenis



Mistress Erika Bjornsdottir



Mistress Dulcia MacPherson



Master Ibrahim ibn Abih al Thaalibi



Sir Turoid Dunstan Armingier



Master Roibeard Mac Sluaghadhain

Why we do the Hoggetowne Medieval Fair Demo

By Maebdh ni Siobhan

Every year An Crosaire puts a great deal of time and effort into our demo at Gainesville's Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. We plan most of the year; put time and resources into it for months ahead of time; we solicit volunteers from all over Trimaris and beyond. It is a huge undertaking. So why do we do it?

The obvious answer is to promote the SCA, and to share our dream, our passion, our hobby and with the public. Last year there was some concern expressed in the kingdom, that such large demos took more effort than they were worth; it was noted that not enough new members were recruited to justify the investment of volunteer time and energy. I beg to differ with this opinion. Our non-profit status states that we are an educational organization. This year at Hoggetowne it is estimated that over 6000 people came to visit our Living History Village. I am sure at least that many visited our Lyste Field to view our static display, our pageantry, and our tourneys in both heavy and light weapons. Since both booths include ample explanation as well as entertainment they present a lot of education!

Another reason for demos is to show the SCA in a positive light to the public. Every year we are photographed and/or mentioned in the local newspapers in connection with our participation in the Faire, we maintain positive contact with the city of Gainesville, and each year the teachers who attend with their classes become aware of us as a resource for their sections on medieval history, leading to more demos, more education, and more potential members in the future.

Another reason for large demos like this is fund raising. An Crosaire is quite fortunate to have not only a soda booth to raise funds, but various members who have commercial booths at Hoggetowne and allow our members to participate and donate some of the profits, specifically North Star Archery and Iron Flower Forge. The Soda Booth, currently run by Mathom Trove also shares profits with the Barony. We also had donation jars in various places this year and collected money that way. This is how our barony pays most of their yearly expenses.

This year it was my privilege to serve as An Crosaire's autocrat for Hoggetowne. I had a superlative team and most challenges were handled before I even heard about them. Even so, I will be the first to admit that it is a massive effort, which leads us back to the questions: why do we do it? And is it worth it? So this year I asked the members of our barony for their memories of Hoggetowne and the results were delightful! Our fletcher remembers a 14 year old archer, who made her father bring her back the second weekend, she was allowed to fletch her own arrow and take it home. The folks demonstrating open fire cooking techniques enjoyed the look on people's faces when they tried the food and found it to be "actually good!". Our jewelry maker had four young people entranced for hours as she demonstrated Viking wire weaving, and others asking if she gave lessons. Our various weavers had wonderful experiences; everything from folks asking about the needle on the spinning wheel because they had seen "Maleficent", to exclamations of "Oh, that's how fabric is made", and four grown men testing the tensile strength of a piece of tablet weaving. I remember hearing several children talking about "their knight" when referring to our fighters.

What about our hardworking volunteers? As far as I can tell from comments and observations, they had a great time. Comments like “My first Faire... can’t wait for next year!” “I loved hearing my fellows explain their demos.” “We had amazing people at the booth.” “It was sweet to watch Ian sitting on the ground teaching little girls to knit.” “I got to introduce a blind couple to spinning.” “I talked to more people on the first Saturday... than I did all of last year.” “Got in armor. Got a bruise. Got shot at. Got a wink from a pretty lady.” “... strike to my butt still hurts” (Those last two are fighter talk for “had fun”.) Our Trimarian king was on board giving on deserving knight an Lion d’Or on the Lyste Field. Our children were fully engaged too, not only cheering on the fighters, but actually assisting in, or in some cases presenting the demos in weaving or medieval games, or pewter casting.

In closing let me once again address the idea of having new members join. This year we promoted our next event as well as just “come to a meeting” and the result was at least 15 newcomers went to our St. Valentine’s Day Massacre event a few weeks after Hoggetowne.

Important dates from historical years

Provided by Sir Koppel

March 20, 1565 Contract made by King Philip of Spain for the settlement of Florida.

March 28, 1515 St. Theresa is born.

March 29, 1565 Turks sailed to attack Malta.

May 8, 615 Pope Boniface IV died.

May 13, 1515 Mary, sister of King Henry VIII of England, widow of King Louis XII of France, married Charles, Duke of Suffolk against her brother's wishes, this time in England..

May 16, 1265 St. Simon Stock died.

May 17, 1215 English barons marched on King John in London.

May 21, 1565 Turkish troupes attack Malta. (Two months to sail half way across the Mediterranean Sea?!?!?)

May 25 1315 Edward Bruce invaded Ireland. (Robert's brother, crowned king in 1316, defeated and killed at Faughart in 1318)

Tarte of Almonds

By Mistress Madhavi of Jaisalmer, OP

Our fair Barony's Arts & Sciences officer issued a pie challenge for our meeting this month, and I chose this pie to redact because I adore the combination of almonds and rosewater and I was intrigued by a custard-like pie filling with no eggs.

From "The good Huswifes Handmaide for the Kitchin" 1594

To make a tarte of Almonds

Blanche Almonds and beat them, and straine them &c, with good thicke Creame, then put in Sugar and Rosewater, and boyle it thicke: then make your paste with Butter, fair water, and the yolks of two or three Eggs, and as soone as you haue driven your paste, cast on a litle Sugar, and Rosewater, and harden your paste afore in the Ouen. Then take it out, and fill it, and set it in againe, and let it bake till it be well, and so serue it.

This redaction is absolutely for a feast, not for an artsci entry!

Tarte of Almonds

Crust

1 3/4 c unbleached pastry flour
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 stick of cold salted butter
 1 large egg yolk
 2 1/2 tbl very cold water
 1 tbl lemon juice

Filling

1 8 oz. can Solo almond paste (not marzipan!)
 2 c whipping cream
 1/4 c sugar
 8 drops Laxmi brand rosewater

Combine flour and salt in a large bowl. Cut the butter in small pieces with a knife. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingers until there are no large pieces. Combine the egg yolk, water and lemon juice in a small bowl and whip with a fork. When combined, add all at once to the flour and stir with the fork until the mixture leaves the sides of the bowl. Dump it all out on a lightly floured board and pat it all together into a lump. Wrap in paper or plastic wrap and put it in the fridge for one hour.

Take the almond paste out of the can and dice it. Combine the almond paste and cream in a small saucepan and put over LOW heat. Once the cream is hot to the touch, scrape the cream and almond paste into a blender and blend on low/mix just until smooth. Scrape back into the saucepan and heat on low until barely simmering. Stir often, it will scorch! Cook slowly until the color begins to darken and mixture thickens slightly, about 30 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Turn the oven on to 375. Roll out the chilled dough and place in a glass pie pan. Crimp the edges or decorate however you wish. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the sugar over the bottom of the crust and poke lightly with a fork to keep it from rising. Bake for 5 minutes or until the edges are firm but not colored.

Mix the rosewater with the filling. Pour the filling into the pie shell. Sprinkle the top evenly with the rest of the sugar. Place back in the oven. Bake for 10 minutes at 375, then turn down to 350 and bake until the edges of the pie crust are nicely browned and the filling is bubbling. I was hoping that the sugar on top would caramelize but this didn't happen in my oven... the bottom browned before the sugar on top caramelized. I would try this again at a slightly lower temperature.

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www.ancroaire.org

Our calendar will give you up-to-date information on events and happenings in our Barony! If you have an event or happening you feel should be on the calendar, please contact our Web Minister at:

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