

# THE GALE WINDS



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**NOTICE:** THE SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LOW ATTENDANCE—SO THERE ARE NO MEETING MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2011 BUSINESS MEETING.

## IMPORTANT NEWS!

At the August event, the populace was invited to present themselves if they were interested in taking on the Minister of Arts and Sciences office. Marva Bowers was the only candidate. We will be voting on her nomination at the October business meeting, as the September meeting did not have enough officers in attendance to be an official meeting. If you cannot attend and wish to vote, please follow our proxy voting procedures.

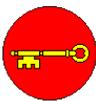
## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October Business Mtg—  
Monday 24 Oct 2011
- Ship Repair Outing at  
Becky, Mike & Allison's—  
Saturday 08 Oct 2011
- BOTIS Planning Meetings—  
COMING SOON!!

## RECENT SHIRE ACTIVITIES

Over the past month or so, the Shire has been very crafty! At the end of August, Thorfin hosted a Leatherworking session at his house where many got involved! Several people had the opportunity to make SCA Ring Belts, and some of the kids decorated leather bracelets. Those of you that still need to finish your belts—stay tuned—another class will be scheduled soon!

In September, Mariana hosted a Tunic making class. There were 4 participants in that class. The tunic making class was very informative. Mariana provided hints and tips to creating simple, but period tunics. We also learned more about period clothing, fabrics, and dying techniques. Stay tuned for another sewing night / afternoon being scheduled soon!



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*Pursuivant position expires Feb 2013*



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# SENESCHALS TRIMESTER REPORT

GERALYN TURNER

Shire of Altenberg, Pentamere  
(locale: Mt. Clemens, Michigan)

Trimester: September 2011

## Personal Data:

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Exp date: 03/2012 (never, according to Shire members)

No deputy at this time

Meetings held every 4th Monday of the month

No Media coverage

Officers within the group are holding strong. Currently have several new members who are willing to take over business positions (MoAS, Archery Marshal, Heavy Weapons Group Marshal) All officers have sent in reports on time.

Our annual event in May (2011) was a huge success this year. For the first time, we held a profit after the event, and were able to make even grander plans for next year (2012).

New(er) members have stepped up to take important positions within the Shire as well as becoming autocrats for our event (which, with their enthusiasm and hard work helped to make it a success,).

Hosting our annual event in May - Battle of the Inland Seas.

Many things have been planned, and are going well according to the schedule. Hope to have a great turnout again.

# BOTIS UPDATES

AUTOCRAT-MICHELLE HOGAN

We are in need of tree stumps to replace the throwing weapons butts with. It seems this past winter has taken it's toll on them and they are in need of work.

It has been decided to try something new for our children's activities. If you are a member of the Shire and have small children who would be participating in the children's area, we are requesting you plan an activity and time frame for that. Please realize we are attempting to improve not only our children's activities, but also the ability for every one to spend time enjoying the event not just working it. Geraldyn is going to be the COORDINATOR for children's activities, but this means she is not in charge of everything in the children's area that day, just coordinating.

We are in need of the people to be in charge of the following positions:

- Troll
- Fire Marshal
- Cookery Competition Supervisor
- Setup Coordinator
- Cleanup / Tear Down Coordinator

At our last meeting the main discussion was the last minute things we need to do such as did we have enough trash cans and if not how many more and were do we need them. How many tables for each area and the minor things we realize more were needed.

This year we are moving the merchants to the other side of the road where fighting is being held and which buildings we are planning on using.

Feast is going to be upped from 50 seats to 100 and Geraldyn is our feast-o-crat.

We have secured our Archery Marshal and are working on figuring out what is needed to be able to hold a Championship', working on things needed for a clout.

# PROCRASTINATORS BRAWL REPORT

The Shire of Altenberg was out in full force at Procrastinators Brawl on Saturday 01 October.

- Our personal invitation was presented to their Majesties in private by Michelle, Marva, Alexis, and Heather. It was very well received and they did acknowledge they will probably have stepped down by the time of our event, however they were told we wanted them to come no matter what. They look forward to it. Due to an issue with the weather, we had issues with the candy made for gifts. Marva and Michelle made chocolates and wrapped them in jewel toned foils. Also, due to this candy mishap, we luckily found out the King has some allergies and we were able to find suitable replacements for him thanks to GERALYN and Nicole. Our entire gift contained, two bottles of GERALYN's home brew, two bottles of GERALYN's mead and Nicole's two wire wrapped elk horn tips, along with a box of chocolate jewels.
- Russ ran Youth Boffers—the following Shire Youth got authorized at the event: - John in Div 1, Heather in Div 2, Jarrod and Caitlyn in Div 3! Additionally, tourneys were held in each division. For Div 1, John came in 2nd out of 3, and for Div 3, Dylan and Seth both competed—with Seth coming in 2nd place. In court, Russ presented prizes for Div 1, 2 and 3. in order, a wolf puppet, a griffon plaque and 3rd got a small catapult/marshmallow thrower. Over all it was a very good day and all the kids enjoyed the event.
- Bart ran Thrown Weapons—Bart, Chris and Carol all participated in the Baronial Thrown Weapons Tourney. Carol managed to not get skunked by scoring 1 point, Chris tied for 3rd place, and Bart won Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion again!
- GERALYN participated in the Baronial Archery Tourney and tied with Rhuah, resulting in a shoot off—GERALYN missed being the champion by only 1 point!
- Dylan participated in the Youth Baronial Archery Tourney and won—he is now the Baronial Youth Archery Champion!
- Chris was asked to be a “Court Guard” during court
- GERALYN helped with feast preparation, and Alexis, Caitlyn and Heather helped serve feast
- In between events, several of our youth were found coloring in scrolls and generally being helpful!
- Kevin brought out the forge and offered some basic blacksmithing demonstrations.
- Several of the cordials made at our Shire Cordial Making Party were passed around Saturday night at the bonfire and went over very well.
- Our newest Shire member, Suzanne, was also in attendance and got her first taste of SCA event fun!

All in all, it was a great day for everyone in our Shire!

## A special HOUBAH to:

- Brother Bart, Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion
- Cynewulf de Divelyn (Dylan), Baronial Youth Archery Champion
- Jarrod and Caitlyn—newly authorized fighters in Div 3 Youth Boffer
- John—newly authorized fighter in Div 1 Youth Boffer



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
BOTIS XVIII IS  
ON THE  
MIDREALM  
CALENDAR FOR  
NEXT YEAR!  
MAY 18–20TH,  
2012



**NOTICE!**  
THE DECEMBER  
BUSINESS  
MEETING ON 26  
DEC 2011 WILL  
BE CANCELLED  
DUE TO THE  
LIBRARY BEING  
CLOSED!

# MIDREALM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: The online version at [www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php](http://www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php) is the most up to date version...

## October 2011

- 5-10
  - Great Western War {Kingdom of Caid} [taft, CA]
- 7-9
  - A Day at the Mill {Stereon Codha} [Cuttler, IN]
  - Afternoon of Fun {Shire of Eastwatch} [Thompson, Ohio]
  - Rendezvous at the Bridge XXII {Riviere Constelle} [Lincoln City, IN]
- 8
  - Clancy Day {Shire of Starleafgate} [Amherstburg, ONT]
  - St Denys Day {Shire of Shadowdale (Kingdom of Northshield)} [Oxford, IA]
  - Vineyard Raids 7 {Canton of Westmere} [Glenn, MI]
- 14-16
  - Northshield Rapier Academy {Kingdom of Northshield} [montello, WI]
  - River War II.V {Barony of Iron Bog (East Kingdom)} [Williamstown, NJ]
- 15-16
  - Fall Crown Tournament {St. Carol on the Moor/Wurmwald} [Urbana, IL]
- 22
  - Midrealm Laurel Retreat {Midrealm Laurels} [Oak Brook, IL]
- 28-30
  - All Hallows Revel 2 {Canton of Lochmorrow } [La Harpe, IL]
- 29
  - Red Dragon {Shire of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH ]

## November 2011

- 5
  - All Souls with The Plantagenets {Canton of vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]
  - Crystal Ball {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Collinsville, IL]
  - Fall Harvest Festival {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Hamilton, MI]

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