



THE GALE WINDS



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HOUBAH! SHIRE NEWS!

Over the past month or so, we have had several excellent achievements occur for our shire folk.

At Baron Wars—

- Brandon Turner and Jared Tilton were awarded the Dragon's Treasure
- Allison Anderson (Annabella M'Machan) and John Girard (Thorfin Solvarson) were awarded their Award of Arms.

At Smurf Shoot—

- Bill Hanna became the North Woods Baronial Champion AND finished his paperwork to become an official Archery Marshal!

Brandon, Jared, Allison, John & Bill, we are so very proud of your achievements!

HOUBAH!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Cordial Making Class, BBQ, Poker Night—30 July 2011 at 3pm
- Shire Work Session & Tavern—06 Aug 2011 at 10am
- August Business Meeting—Monday 22 Aug 2011

MUSINGS OF THE MAGIC BOX

Webminister / Chronicler —Lady Celestria de Cranham

Greetings! There is honestly not a lot to report this month! I'm still catching up on life "after BOTIS". I will be making updates to the website this week, so if you have any pictures of BOTIS (or anything else for that matter), or any articles, or anything in general, please get them to me soon. I'm up to date on all of my reports, so that's about it!

SMURF SHOOT REPORT

Bill Hanna

Oyez Oyez!! I wanted to make an announcement. This past Smurf Shoot Angus, Seth and I had attended.....it was a hot one and I'm still in recover mode! It was a mecha of archers. I have never seen that many skilled shooters in one place. Before the actual Smurf Shoot there was the North Woods Baronial Champion. Having fallen in the area of the barony I entered myself. At first it looked like I was going to win by default but then a few archers stepped out of the crowd. After shooting there was a question and answer segment. The Baron and Baroness of North Woods with a panel of judges asked questions individually to the shooters. After a short court I was awarded the title of North Woods Baronial Champion. HOUBAH! A double bonus is that I got all the signatures I need for an archery marshal



HOPE TO SEE
YOU AT THE
CORDIAL MAKING
PARTY ON JULY
30TH AND THE
SHIRE WORK
PARTY & TAVERN
ON AUGUST 6TH!

MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES REPORT

Nicole Hanna

This past quarter we've had an exciting time in the Shire. Our event sponsored three participants in the A & S competition, and we had eight stellar classes, including dragon art, illumination, belt making and care and feeding of thrown weapons and crossbows, to name a few. Last month I encouraged Shire members to stretch their wings and endeavor to participate in next years Battle of the Inland Seas A & S competition and Geralyn informed me she has a secret project in the works! Let's all follow her example. For those interested in learning a new craft, there is a class being held on parchment-making in Ann Arbor. Courtney, I believe, has details. There is also a cordial party at Michelle and Chris Hogan's house on August 30. More information is available on Facebook, the Shire website or Shire google group.

On a personal note, though it is unfortunate, I will be resigning from my position of Minister of Arts and Sciences as soon as a replacement can be found. I appreciate the opportunity I was given to support the Shire in a greater capacity over the last eight months, and regret that circumstances are such that I am unable to continue in this position. Thank you all for the experience!

CORDIAL MAKING PARTY

Becky Klein / Michelle Hogan

There will be a cordial making party / BBQ / Poker Night at Michelle & Chris's house this Saturday (30 July 2011) at 3pm.

For cordial making, we only need about 2 hours, unless someone makes a LOT of different flavors. All we need is space, and a table that we can make a mess on (we will be working with sticky stuff).

People interested should start accumulating the following:

- Clean glass vessels with airtight lids (I like to use mayonnaise jars with plastic lids). wide mouth is best if you are working with fruit. (you can use plastic, but this may impart unwanted flavors)
- Base alcohol (any unflavored liquors will do, but we typically start with vodka, rum, whiskey, or brandy). note that you can start with cheap rotgut if you are willing to wait 6 months or more for best drinkability (I like to do this with spice cordials). For something more immediate, you need to use the good stuff.
- Your favorite fruits, nuts, and spices (note that whole spices are usually easier to deal with than ground)
- Some kind of sweetener (honey, sugar, etc).

Becky will take everyone through the basics during the party. If you have something particular you want to try, and need help, contact her prior to the party and she will help you to figure it out.

Following the cordial making, there will be a BBQ (bring a dish to pass) and a shire poker night!

Please contact Michelle & Chris (pandorabasenjis@gmail.com) for directions—they are in a new house!!



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

SHIRE OF ALTENBERG MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING	
FACILITATOR	Geralyn Turner (Lady Mariana de la Mar)
SCRIBE	Carol Girard (Lady Celestria de Cranham)
DATE	Monday, 27 June 2011
TIME	7:30pm
LOCATION	Mt. Clemens Public Library

ATTENDEES					
OFFICERS			POPULACE		
Geralyn Turner	X	Allison Anderson		Bill Hanna	
Becky Klein	X	Courtney Bocci	X	Michelle Hogan	
Bart Wright	X	Jerry Bocci	X	Russ Martin	
Nicole Hanna		Kevin Bowers		Joe Nardi	
Chris Hogan		Marva Bowers		Kim Rewitzer	X
Carol Girard	X	Mel Charlebois		Matt Sarns	
		Mike Foster		David Turner	
		John Girard		Barb Wright	X
GUESTS					

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
SENESCHAL REPORT GERALYN TURNER	We held a "court lite" so that everyone could be awarded their awards from Baron Wars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon Turner and Jared Tilton were awarded the Dragon's Treasure Allison Anderson (Annabella M'Machan) and John Girard (Thorfin Solvarson) were awarded their Award of Arms
EXCHEQUER REPORT BECKY KLEIN	Quarterly report is complete - just needs signature by Seneschal after we review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started quarter with \$545.86 Ended quarter with \$1306.30 We are giving Mel \$250 for Feast (which is incorporated) Event - Net profit of \$783.05 (\$90 of that went to BOD) leaving \$693.05
CHATELAINE REPORT BART WRIGHT	Nothing to report
PURSUIVANT REPORT BART WRIGHT	2nd quarter report is complete & in the newsletter
THROWN WEAPONS BART WRIGHT	Border War report was in Andlecrag won Border Wars (96 vs 24 (Northwoods))
MOAS REPORT NIKKI HANNA	Nothing to report

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
FIGHTER MARSHAL REPORT CHRIS HOGAN	N/A
CHRONICLER REPORT CAROL GIRARD	Newsletter is complete
WEBMINISTER REPORT CAROL GIRARD	Quarterly report was submitted on time and published in the newsletter
OLD BUSINESS ENTIRE POPULACE	Yard Sale is going to be held in Grosse Pointe—see Geralyn for directions Thursday 14th Pricing Friday 15th - Saturday 16th - Sale
NEW BUSINESS ENTIRE POPULACE	Shire Work session / Altenberg Tavern- Saturday August 6th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your own grillables and a dish to pass • Work, possible bonfire, kids can go to the park / beach • Start around 10am

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Chronicler Position expires Mar 2013
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MIDREALM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 2011

- 26-28
 - Call of the Waterhorse {Fearann Na Criche} [Oscoda, MI]
 - Melee at Roswell {Marche of Alderford} [Roswell, OH]
- 27
 - Foxhunt VII - Nanban Invasion {Canton of Foxvale} [St. Charles , IL]

September 2011

- 2-4
 - Middle Kingdom Academy of Defence XIV {Shire of Ravenslake} [Woodstock, IL]
- 2-5
 - Havoc in Hastings {Canton of Three Walls} [Hastings, MI]
- 9-11
 - For Hands {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Wood River, IL]
 - Harvest Days/Tournament of Chivalry {Winged Hills/Flaming Gryphon} [Pleasant Hill, OH]
- 16-18
 - Fields of Cloth and Gold {Illiton} [chillicothe, IL]
 - Saxon Summer XI {Shire of Rivenvale} [Burghill, OH]
 - VIKINGS COME HOME XX {Barony of Donnershafen} [Traverse City, MI]
- 17
 - Still Smoking - Day of the Dragon XI {Shire of Dragons Vale} [Cromwell, IN]
- 24
 - Coronation {Barony of Red Spears}
- 30-October 2
 - Mounted War Games {Shire of Shadowed Stars} [Peru, IN]
 - Pounce X and North Oaken Regional Craftperson's Faire

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