

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

We’re into the last month of the year! Canterbury Faire approaches ever closer, and it’s looking to be a hot one this year – like every year, but maybe ever hotter this time. Time to look again at that deliciously cool Roman perhaps?

This month’s FTT is something of a skeleton issue but I’ve included a colouring page to keep you entertained over those long Christmas gatherings, just in case you forgot your sewing / fletching / cording / maille / other. There’s also the Persona Gubbins challenge info republished again, to keep you motivated. How are your projects coming along?

Have an enjoyable festive season and feel free to pen an artciel for next year’s issues of From The Tower.

Yours in Service,

Agnes Graye



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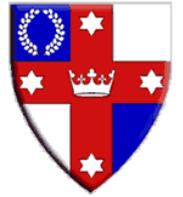
This in particular accessed from <https://publicdomainreview.org/collection/labors-of-the-months-from-the-tres-riches-heures> and there’s a great collection there.

Assorted public domain clipart from around the web



Kingdom of Lochac

King Niall inn Orkneyskii and
Queen Sabine du Bourbonnais



Prince Theuderic and Princess Engelin

Please send award recommendations to crown@lochac.sca.org with a courtesy copy to B&B@sg.lochac.sca.org.

Please check Lochac Cannon Lore for an individual's existing awards and information about awards, additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.lochac.sca.org



Fibre Guild

The Southron Gaard fibre guild is open to everyone that has an interest in making and playing with fibre: spinners, dyers, weavers, braiders and the like. Our meetings are usually the third Sunday of the Month at 11:00 am in the Redwood Scout Hall. Bring what you're working on, any new resources to share etc.

For more details, please see the Southron Gaard Calendar - <http://sg.sca.org.nz/calendar.shtml>



The Lochac Fibre Guild has an email list at <http://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/fibreguild> and webpage at <http://fibre.lochac.sca.org/> which features a monthly "award cord" tutorial.

The Southron Gaard 'branch' also has a Yahoo group list at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG_String/info, and now a Trello board that you can request access to by emailing Her Excellency, Baroness Ginevra, at g.devisconti@gmail.com.



Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard



Greetings All,

It has been a busy month for Us and We know that is also the case for many others. The monthly tourney was made more memorable by celebrating Lady Vigdis's birthday and the requested changes to the tourney made it an interesting and very entertaining event. We learned of several hidden talents from the combatants, and also about talents that should remain hidden forever more. We always appreciate the extra touches that go into these events as they give variety by also an opportunity to learn something new and We would like to thank Lady Vigdis and Mistress Katherine for their efforts, as well as everyone there that took time to speak to passers-by and newcomers about what we do and what was going on.

Just a week after that we had the Hororata Highland Games which was again a great success due to the efforts of many people. Being a Society with such a vast set of topics of interest it's often hard to get that across to people so it was fantastic to hear everyone talk about the breadth of interests that they have when engaging with the public. Our tent attracts people of all ages and interests, so the active displays of weaving, calligraphy and illumination, chainmail making and woodworking, plus heavy and rapier fighting served to draw people in and many commented that this was something they could see themselves doing in the future. Our thanks go to everyone who sacrificed a sleep-in to attend this event and make it successful. We ask everyone to please look out for new faces at events coming up and make them feel welcome.

The survey to gather your comments on Our successors will have closed by the time this is published, but we understand from Their Majesties that the participation has been high. We would like to thank all of the candidates for their decision to stand, and also all of the others who considered standing but for various reasons chose not to. Taking on the roles of Baron and Baroness is not a decision that can be made lightly and the commitment required is (without any doubt in Our minds) greater than any other office, so to all those that didn't stand this time We thank you for at least considering it and hope that you will consider it again in the future. There is no one "right" way to be Baron and Baroness and each set of candidates will bring different views and approaches to the role but so long as the candidates are standing for the right reasons we know the people of Southron Gaard will get behind them and help to move the Barony forward. Good luck to both sets of candidates and we eagerly await the decision of the Crown.

There are of course far too few weeks between now and Canterbury Faire, and people are working feverishly on projects, many with deadlines and We of course have many of our own. We are looking forward to seeing the fruits of these labours and also seeing everyone at Faire, if not before. One of the great privileges of the past four years has been to travel to other groups' events as Baron and Baroness and to enjoy their hospitality but equally the ability to welcome travellers to these lands and be a part of their lasting memories is a privilege. We thank Mistress Aveline and her team for their efforts to make this year's Canterbury Faire happen. We know that with the changes to the site this has brought on added stress and We ask that if you are in some way inconvenienced by these changes that you do your best to adapt.

In Service to the Crown,

Richard and Ginevra

Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard



Nice Little Touches: the Southron Gaard “Persona Gubbins*” A&S Challenge

Please see August FTT for the full article.

*Gubbins, meaning small items, easily picked up and carried about (mid-16th century word, from the obsolete gobbon ‘piece, slice, gob’, from Old French; probably related to gobbet). Not to be used in connection with live small animals.



This Challenge is brought to you by Meisterin Christian Baier, Baroness Isabel Maria del Aguila, Lady Amabillia Threxton, under the gracious patronage of Her Excellency Baroness Ginevra.

The Challenge:

What to enter: You may enter the challenge by completing one (or more) small objects or items from the categories below.

Who can enter: Anyone!

How to enter: Submit (to the Challenge blog) the following:

- 1) a photograph of the item, and
- 2) a few brief notes about the item and the persona that inspired it.

When to enter: Enter now! All projects must be completed by Baronial Anniversary 2020.

Your recognition: All entrants will be awarded a special token at Baronial Anniversary 2020.

Those entrants who complete three projects, and those who complete five projects, from at least two distinct categories listed below, will receive an additional token.

Some of our local Southron Gaard Laurels will also offer small prizes or tokens to the entry of their choice.

Categories:

1. Do you think because you are virtuous, that there shall be no more cakes and ale?

An item of food or drink your persona may have grown, prepared, consumed, or known of.

2. With silken coats, and caps, and golden rings, with ruffs, and cuffs, and farthingales, and things.

A garment your persona may have worn.

3. When I am forgotten, as I shall be, and sleep in dull cold marble, ... Say, I taught thee.

The teaching or sharing of knowledge or skills that your persona would have had, for example, classes, published articles etc.

4. With scarfs, and fans, and double change of bravery, With amber bracelets, beads, and all this knavery.

An accessory your persona may have owned, made, used, or gifted.

5. All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players.

A performance of a persona-appropriate piece (song, poem, play, saga, tale, dance, etc); formal or informal, individual or group.

6. What revels are in hand? Is there no play, To ease the anguish of a torturing hour?

Games, toys, and other such entertainments.

7. 'Fore God, you have here a goodly dwelling
and a rich.

Items your persona may have had in their home: housewares, furniture, feast gear, table wear, lighting, and such like.

8. This is the excellent foppery of the world
Develop a repertoire of vernacular language, appropriate to your persona, for use at events, e.g. oratory, witticism, oaths, braggery, vernacular phrases, boasts, etc.

9. To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, To
throw a perfume on the violet,...
At your toilette: hairstyling, make up, beauty products, skincare, ointments, unguents, perfumes, etc. Also items associated with bathing, cleanliness, etc: e.g. soaps, cleaning tools or products, laundering, etc for people, houses, livestock etc.

10. Is this a dagger I see before me?
Items for self-defence or martial activities.

11. Get thee to a nunnery
Religious or spiritual items, e.g. momento mori, devotional items, etc.

12. A garish flag, to be the aim of every
dangerous shot.
An item of heraldic display.

13. Throw physic to the dogs; I'll have none of
it.
Items associated with health, medicine, or wellbeing.

14. I do remember an apothecary...
And in his needy shop a tortoise hung,
An alligator stuff'd, and other skins
Of ill-shaped fishes; and about his
shelves
A beggarly account of empty boxes,
Green earthen pots, bladders and
musty seeds,
Remnants of packthread and old cakes
of roses,
Were thinly scatter'd to make up a
show.

An item used in an occupation, trade, or task, e.g. a tool, equipment, etc.

15. I'll note you in my book of memory
A written item or document of some kind, e.g. a letter, a piece of calligraphy and illumination, etc.
In particular, we would also encourage you to put together your own commonplace book or similar item relevant to your persona (a commonplace book is a collection of notable extracts from other works, and everyday handy knowledge for your personal use at events e.g. song lyrics, game instructions, recipes to share, etc).

Please see August issue of From the Tower for the full article, notes and entry form.

<https://sg.sca.org.nz/docs/ftt/FTT-2019-08.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Canterbury Faire 2020

An Agrarian Affair

After the pageantry and spectacle of the recent Royal events held within the Crescent Isles, the Barony of Southron Gaard invites you all to celebrate the lives and activities of the majority of people within our period, being those who lived and worked upon the land.

Whether Yeoman, Dairymaid, Lord, Lady or Knight, all are welcome!

Dates: Sat 18th Jan - Sun 26th Jan 2020

Location: Waipara Adventure Centre, 137 Darnley Rd, Waipara New Zealand

For full details see <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/cf/>, and be sure to monitor the 'Southron Gaard Discuss' email group (<https://www.sca.org.nz/mailman/listinfo/sgdiscuss>) and/or the event Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/2053734668268192/>) for event updates.



Now is an excellent time to start plotting the events you'd like to host in 2020.

Perhaps you might look at Baronial Anniversary, Yule, Spring Tourney, Midwinter Revel, Collegium, Tavern revel, Feast, some sort of Theatre, Games day, Golden Flight, Tourney of any theme....

Colouring Page



It's the time of year where one may wish a distraction – or to have a distraction on hand for a small person. So enjoy colouring this version of *The Accolade* (Leighton, 1901) by Artsashina.

It's republished here under a Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 License.

And you can even use the link below to colour online – see, told you it was a handy portable distraction.

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/medieval-princess>

December Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
9	10	11 Council	12	13	14	15 Heavy Combat A&S hall Fibre Guild Rapier Archery
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
23	24	25 	26 	27	28	29 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery

Armoured Combat

Sundays 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

Rapier

Sundays from 2pm at Redwood Scout Hall.

Archery

Fine Sundays at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.

archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

Tourney days

First Sunday of the month as announced

Arts & Sciences

Sundays from 11:00am at Redwood Scout Hall.

Fibre Guild: every third Sunday of the month, 11am at Redwood Scout Hall or as announced.

UCMRS Dance

Mondays 7pm -8:30pm in KF08. Kirkwood Village.

Council Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month, from 7:30pm – details, agenda etc. are posted to the SG list.

All welcome

Baronial Open Homes

Informal, un-garbed, social activity to allow people to chat about projects, the SCA and life in general, share a pot-luck meal and maybe watch a video.

January Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
6	7	8 Council	9	10	11	12 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
13	14	15	16	17	18 Canterbury Faire	19 Canterbury Faire
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27	28	29	30	31		

Southron Gaard Regnum

Being a list of the current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses.

* **Seeking replacement:** see vacancies page or contact the seneschal for details.

Baron & Baroness:	Richard d'Allier & Ginevra di Serafino Visconti	BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org
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Chirurgion (first aid)	Lady Rosanella Soranzo	chirurgion@sg.lochac.sca.org
Constable (safety)	Callum MacLeod	constable@sg.lochac.sca.org
Youth	Seeking replacement*	youth@sg.lochac.sca.org

Hamlet of Wildmoor - Otago

Cheperka (Natalia) nnyates@xtra.co.nz

Hamlet of Gildenwick - Nelson

Awaiting notification of new point of contact

SCA (NZ) Inc. Membership

There are two different types of membership available to event participants in New Zealand.

Subscribing Membership

Grants full rights of participation in the SCA (including voting, entering Crown Tournaments, holding office and affiliate membership with overseas branches). Subscribing membership also includes a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter which is an electronic newsletter (PDF).

1 Year with E-Pegasus*	\$ 15.00
3 Years with E-Pegasus	\$ 30.00

An updated SCA (NZ) Inc. membership form will shortly be included in future issues of this newsletter, or can be accessed on the SCA (NZ) website. <https://registry.sca.org.nz/RegistryMenu.php>

Event Membership

For all non-members aged 18 years or over attending an event. Event membership lasts for the duration of that event only and is not sufficient to hold office or fight in Crown Tournament etc. If the event has a cost, and it is not held by a College, the levy will be charged.

Per event \$ 2.00

For further information visit the official SCA(NZ) Inc. website at:

www.sca.org.nz

Other SCANZ Groups

Auckland	Barony of Ildhafn	http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org
Hamilton	Canton of Cluain	http://cluain.lochac.sca.org
Wellington	Shire of Darton	http://darton.lochac.sca.org

Southron Gaard Council Provisional Minutes

Meeting Minutes 13th of November

Present: Kotek, Jayne, Aveline, Elena, Ginevra, Gisla, Richard, Lowrens

Apologies: Rosa, Adrienne, Agnes, James

Meeting opens 7:37pm

Jayne mentions that the last month's minutes didn't have the webscribe report when it should have.

Richard moves to accept last month's minutes with the aforementioned amendment

Elena seconds.

No nays and 1 abstention

Motion is passed

Business arising? None

Funding Request: Richard would like \$60 for the New Year's Day BBQ

Elena moves to accept, Aveline seconds the motion. No nays or abstentions.

Motion passed

Event Report: Canterbury Faire update

Have received enquiries from the Royals about coming to Canterbury Faire. They may not make all of the event. Query about tallage for the Royals. This hasn't been budgeted for in the Canterbury Faire budget. Aveline will discuss further with them and get back to us.

Officer Reports:

B and B's report: attended Golden Flight, handed out awards. Went to Hororata Games which was well attended. Tourney also saw some new faces and the return of some old. Correspondence about succession. Facilitated candidate's meeting. Opened up sponsorship for Canterbury Faire

Seneschal's Report

Ongoing communication with Crown and B&B regarding Baronial succession.

Communicated with applicants and populace regarding same.

Communication with Masonry to have SG channel added on Lochac server (obviously actioned)

Have received email from City Council re: library bookings for 2020

Passed through request for holding deposit for Faire 2022 to reeve
Attended Monthly tournament
Attended Golden flight

Reeve's report:

SG bank details are updated, and I now can access the accounts.

* Still some remaining Reeve handover to be completed with Lisa.

Main account:

* Balance at 1-Oct was \$28062, growing by \$6936 to \$36998 at 31-Oct.

Current balance (13-Nov) is \$40933.

* The increase consists of \$7870 income from CF registrations, plus \$1373 income from Golden Flight registrations, and a late \$30 for Fiery Knights. There is a payment from Paypal of \$656, probably also for CF registrations; to be checked with SCANZ Treasurer.

* No outgoings for CF in this period and only \$105 for Golden Flight. Reimbursement of \$240 for tent bags purchase.

* Transfers of \$331 to Kingdom fund and \$60 to SCANZ event memberships, plus payment to IRD of \$839 GST for the first half of this year.

Fighter Auction Tourney account:

* Balance is \$2054. No activity in this period.

Herald's Report: Nothing to report!

Chataleine's report: still looking for one

Constable's report: still looking for one

Chronicler's report: FTT was made and will do another. Also doing a Special Edition.

Quartermaster's report- still looking for one

Knight Marshall's report- no report received.

Captain of Rapier: There was a rapier demo at the Highland Games.

Captain of Archer's report: None received

A & S report: Attended part of Golden Flight, thanks to all who taught and organised classes. Weekly activities ongoing, Baronial Challenge ongoing.

Webscribe's Report:

- More CF site updates and calendar updates
- Updated Baronial Succession info (home page and Changeover page)
- Submitted November Quarterly Webwright report
- other minor web & email maintenance

Youth Officer's Report: None recieved

Chirurgeon's Report:

Events: Attended Golden Flight 26-28 October 2019. Approx 50 attendees over the course of the weekend. Three incidents reported, and/or attended to by me.

1. Saturday 26th October, early evening. Report received post-event of a unattended child falling into pond at far end of the property. No injury sustained, just a wet and likely embarrassed child. Attended to by parents.
2. Monday 28th October 11:00amish. Attended one adult with deep cut to L) first finger sustained while preparing lunch for the populace. Pressure applied, bandaged, and gloved.
3. Monday 28th October 12:00pmish. Child fell off large log at far end of the property. Graze sustained to L) side face, painful L) wrist. Attended to initially by family. Assessed by me for concussion, sprained wrist. Concussion: No LOC. No headache. No dizziness. No nausea/vomiting. No visual disturbance. No speech disturbance. Wrist, on examination: No edema. No erythema. Wrist not palpated. Pain noted on active movement, particularly flexion and dorsiflexion. Child taken to ED by family. Xray confirmed buckle fracture to L) wrist. Child and family returned to site late afternoon, and met Sir Sigurd's pony, which made everything better because, you know, PONY!

First Aid kit

Currently with me for checking and restocking as required.

CF First Aid

Preparations are being made. Have had quite a number of people volunteering via the booking form.

7) Hamlet Reports:

Gildenwick: none received

Wildmoor- going to run a potluck event. Stall at The End of World Expo.

8) General Business? None.

Meeting closed 8:05pm