

# The Althing



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Elss of Ausburg



## Dates to Remember:

### Barony Meetings:

General Barony meetings are held bimonthly on the odd numbered months.

### Upcoming Events:

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Delftwood Yule: Friðr Tourney – Barony of Delftwood

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Masked Ball – Barony of Rhydderich Hael

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Steltonwald Costuming Symposium – Canton of Steltonwald

January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years Practice and Potluck – Barony of Endless Hills

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Aethelmearc Twelfth Night – Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Debatable Lands 12<sup>th</sup> Night – Barony March of the Debatable Lands

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Blackstone Mountain 12<sup>th</sup> Night – Barony of Blackstone Mountain

January 17<sup>th</sup> – The Sterlynge Schola – Shire of Sterlynge Vayle

## Weekly Meetings:

For Contact Information please refer to the calendar on the [debatablelands.org](http://debatablelands.org) site. Or click the link embedded.

- **Brewers Guild Meeting ([more info](#))**
  - 4th Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
- **C.H.A.T. Guild ([more info](#))**
  - 5th Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m.
- **Choir Practice ([more info](#))**
  - Mondays, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Consort Practice ([more info](#))**
  - Some Thursdays from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- **Cooks Guild ([more info](#))**
  - Last Sunday of every month.
- **Dance Practice ([more info](#))**
  - Last Thursday of every month, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- **Fiber Arts Guild**
  - Monthly; time varies. Contact [Helewys Spynnere](#) for more information.
- **Heraldry Consulting and Commenting ([more info](#))**
  - Monthly, time varies; generally Saturdays.
  
- **Heavy Weapon Practices ([more info](#))**
  - Sundays at 2:00 p.m.
- **Youth Fighting ([more info](#))**
  - Most Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- **Fencing Practices ([more info](#))**
  - Most Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
- **Archery Practice ([more info](#))**
  - Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Thrown Weapons Practice ([more info](#))**
  - Most Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Armouring ([more info](#))**
  - Fridays by appointment





## A Letter From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the Barony does Liam and Constance send greetings!

As many of us look forward to spending joyous holidays with friends and family, we remind you that three championships are taking place at the upcoming Baronial Twelfth Night.

Among the many wonderful things that take place at Twelfth Night, we shall be picking a new Arts & Sciences Champion, the only theme is bring your best work! We would like to see a showcase of the great artwork that comes from the barony, the winner will represent the Barony at the Seven Pearls A&S competition to be held at Ice Dragon in March.

We will also select a new Bardic Champion, The theme for the bardic championship will be "Joy". Bring forth songs and poems of happiness! Or Bardic champions have been strong in the Seven Pearls competition at Pennsic over that past few years, but a victory has escaped the barony, it is time to change this!

Finally, Brewers, it is time to test your wares in competition. We call all brewers of the barony to bring forth their concoctions to find the best brewer in the Debatable Lands. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic brews are most welcome!

All winners will be announced at court for these competitions. Speaking of court, we are always in need of award recommendations. If you have someone you feel deserves recognition for their work in the barony, Please let us know!

We look forward to seeing you all at Twelfth Night!

Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir  
and  
Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr

**From the Seneschale:**

Greetings All!

As winter comes upon us the martial practices and A&S gathering have moved to the indoor site at the Environmental Charter School. In January we will be celebrating the season at our annual 12th Night Celebration on January 17th. Continuing the season, the Canton of Steltonwald is holding their 12th Night Celebration on January 31st!

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I'm here to help.

Stay warm and well.

In service,  
Alaric

**From the Baronial Herald:**

All those members of the populace who are interested in learning more about heraldry, either vocal or book contact me and we can get started. I am also reaching the end of my first term in office as Comet Pursuivant. I do intend to put in a letter for a second term, however any who would like to put in a letter to take the office are encouraged to do so, for the officer's meeting in December, those interested parties should send a copy of their letter of intent to myself and Alaric the seneschal.

In Service, Drotinn Jorundr hinn Rotinn

**From the Baronial Chronicler:**

Greetings Good Barony!

Has anyone ever told you that you're organized? Do you enjoy hearing stories from the Barony? Do you like to talk to everyone? Do you enjoy putting together newsletters? If so, the chronicler position could be a good fit!

This December ends my term as Baronial Chronicler and the officers will be accepting letters from interested parties. If you have questions about the position or if you'd like to know more, please let me know.

In Service,  
Sumayya al Ghaziyya

**From the Baronial Arts and Sciences Minister****Citizens of the Debatable Lands.**

My two year term as your Minister of Arts and Sciences will be over at the start of February. I have enjoyed serving, and feel a much stronger connection with the Baronial A&S community than I used to. It has been my pleasure to encourage and promote our activities, and report on them to the Kingdom Minister. Nevertheless, I feel it is my duty to pass this mantle to another when my term is complete.

I am inviting all of you to submit letters asking to be

considered for this position. Please describe your interest, and any goals you might have as Minister. This is not the most rigidly defined official position, and there is quite a bit of leeway for your own vision.

Please send your letter to the "ansminister" address at [debatablelands.org](http://debatablelands.org) by the end of the calendar year. I will forward these to the other officers for their consideration. Please also attend the February 4th officers meeting to make a statement before the vote.

Again, I thank you all for this opportunity to serve, and I look forward to seeing what the next minister will do with the position.

Ishiyama roku-i Gen'tarou Yori'ie

**Debatable Arts and Sciences at Pennsic 43**

While the social and martial aspects of the Pennsic War are central to many people's experiences at the War, some of us know that the Arts and Sciences play a large role. I asked citizens of the Debatable Lands about their A&S experiences at this year's war. Even those whose first answer was "I didn't really do any A&S at Pennsic," could be prompted to remember something artsy or sciencey they did but did not initially remember.

Almost everyone attended a performance of one kind or another. Performance without an audience just isn't the same, so attendees are important, too. Many of us enjoyed cheering on Her Highness Anna Leigh in the "Dancing with the Pennsic Stars" competition. The Debatable Choir and li Genesii report having "totally" and "fracking" awesome performances, respectively. Those who attended these performances concur. Six youths from the Barony participated in the Known World Youth Choir, of which Kieran MacRae was the director: Robert, Eidan, Alex, Guillaume, Alethea, and Caoillann. Four citizens participated in the Chorulus Pennsicus: Bugga, Arianna, Rachmiell, and Ceindrech. Three citizens participated in the Known World choir: Arianna, Rachel, and Kellen. Make sure to read Bugga Billibit's account of the "Pennsic Pilgrimage" in the previous issue of the Althing.

The Barony had a large part in the Kingdom's contingent in the Known world A&S Display on Sunday afternoon. Rivka bat Daniyel displayed her beaded and embroidered Turkish entari coat. Robert MacEwin of Thornhill displayed his handspun and handknit heraldic pillow. Ishiyama Yori'ie displayed his sukiya stye camp gate. Edana the Red displayed the results of her research into pewter casting along with some of the molds she has carved and objects she has cast.

Pennsic University hosts hundreds of classes, and the Barony contributes to this overall effort as well with citizens spending their time to pass on things they have learned. Ishiyama Yori'ie taught a class on the Suikan, a Japanese informal over-robe. Hara Kikumatsu taught a class in 16-strand kumihimo on the marudai. Dur of Hidden Mountain led a walking

tour of Pennsic with stories, explaining the names and histories of various spots around Cooper's Lake. Arianna of Wynthrope taught classes on choral conducting and vocal technique. I am told that "a bunch" of people from the BMDL taught choral and bardic classes. Arianna of Wynthrope organized the Pennsic European Music Expo, a 3-hour extravaganza during which (among many other things) Joshua played the Serpent.

Again, attendees are important too, as classes and social events couldn't happen without without them. Elsa Taliard took many classes and participated in storytelling. Elss of Augsburg participated in the Food Lab and found a number of new resources. Takematsu Yoshitaka took a pewter casting class. Fiora di Artusio attended a Scribal Tea.

Finally, in acts A&S that are also acts of service, Jorundr hin Rotinn led the crew to provide refreshments for the reception that preceded Baronial court. I am told that he and Brandubh O'Donghaille brewed the mead for the reception at Pennsic, and we certainly helped drink it. Thank you again to all who contributed refreshments liquid and otherwise, as well as those who helped with serving and clean-up.

So you see, in my opinion, any and all of this should be considered participation in the arts and sciences at Pennsic, though you may find it... debatable.

THL Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie

**Debatable Arts and Sciences at Pennsic 43**

Report on the A&S Display and Competition at the ninth Agincourt event in the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands, October 26th, A.S. 48.

There were nine entries overall, with five of them entered in the St. Crispin's day leatherworking competition. The entries were:

Shishido-sama Tora Gozen

Horse equipment, leather and fabric, with extensive documentation

THL Gunther Grunbaum

Leather tooled & painted pouch

Lord Torvaldr Torgarson

Tooled leather kidney belt, in progress

Lord Torvaldr Torgarson

Hand tooled and painted leather helm

Master Robert the Gray

Mongol-inspired leather coronet

THL Aibell Shul-uaine (called Suilean)

Beaded Veil, silk with beads

Ishiyama roku-i Gen'tarou Yori'ie

Portrait of Daruma, sumi ink and watercolors on hosho paper

Mistress Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen

Wood block printing

THL Kieran MacRae

Scroll based on the Greek Gospel of John

The winners were:

Leatherworking -

THL Gunther Grunbaum

Leather tooled & painted pouch



Her Majesty's Choice -

Shishido-sama Tora Gozen

Horse equipment, leather and fabric, with extensive documentation



Her Excellency's choice -

THL Aibell Shul-uaine (called Suilean)

Beaded Veil, silk with beads



THL Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie

#### BMDL Populace Badges Available

Following up on the car magnets I had made last year, I have had embroidered patches made with the BMDL populace badge.

<http://www.ee0r.com/sca/heraldry/patch-bmdl-small.jpg>

The patches are 3 inches in diameter, embroidered on black twill fabric, with a fully merrowed edge.

One nice thing I have discovered is that since the comet is done in white thread, if you are the recipient of a Baronial award, a common Sharpie can turn this into the Red, Gold, or Blue/White Comet patch you have been waiting for!

Show your Baronial pride, and attach a patch to your tabard, sash, kataginu, satchel, baldric, gown, hat, hood, or jacket. If all else fails, sew one to a rectangle of fabric and make a belt favor.

I am selling these as a fund raiser for the Barony, and they are available for a suggested donation of \$2 per patch. If you are a Baronial officer or activity leader, and you want to purchase some patches for official use, ask me about a discounted price.

Just two dollars each! What a bargain!

THL Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie

#### Medieval Recipes:

This month's recipe is a simple chicken stew with ingredients that you would not normally find in a modern stew. The unusual additions bring a robust flavor to the stew itself.

Your ingredients are:

1 whole chicken (you can get pre-cut ones)  
8 cups broth  
1/3 cup raisins

1/3 cup dates, chopped  
1/2 cup onion, sliced  
1/4 tsp. thyme  
1/3 cup prunes, chopped  
1/8 tsp. cloves  
1/8 tsp. mace  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. lemon juice

1/2 tsp. salt (Optional)

Place whole chicken in a large pot, Bring to full boil for about 30 mins.

Save 2 cups of the water from boiling.

Let chicken rest and cool, the pick chicken from the bone in bite size pieces.

In the large stock pot, pour chicken broth, 2 cups of the boiled water.

Review:

Place chicken in a pot of boiling water and cook until done, about 20 minutes. Take the chicken out, allow it to cool, and cut into bite-sized pieces. Discard cooking water.

Add broth, raisins, dates, onion into a large pot and bring to a boil.

Tear up the bread into large pieces and place in a small bowl. Add water or some of the broth and allow to soak for a few minutes, stirring occasionally to break things up. Strain into the pot, discarding the solids.

Add remaining ingredients and chicken. Bring to a boil, and allow to simmer until done, about 15 minutes.

*Source [A Book of Cookrye, M. Waks, J. Waks (ed.)]: To stue a Capon. Take the best of the Broth of the pot, and put it in a pipkin, and put to it Corance and great raisins, Dates quartered and onions fine minced, strayned bread & time, and let them boile well together: when they be well boyled, put in your prunes, season it with cloves, mace, pepper and very little Salte, a spoonfull or two of Vergious, and let it not be too thick. And your Capon being boyled in a pot by it selfe in fair water & salt to keepe it faire, and thus you may boyle a Chicken, vele, beef or mutton after this sort.*

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Beaver County Courthouse

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- Need a ride?  
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