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### “COLLECTING PLANTS IN A MONASTIC GARDEN” STAYING HOME LEAVES PLENTY OF TIME FOR GARDENING!

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## *Il Tempo*

Welcome to *Il Tempo* (The Times), the Newsletter of the Barony of Ponte Alto, one of the northern baronies in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

*Il Tempo* strives to be an informative read that you look forward to. To this end, we are always appreciative of any contributions to it, perhaps an article of a project you are working on or are interested in, how to make/play a period game, your experience at an event, how/what to prepare for a day trip, a recipe/ piece of garb that you've made, documentation on an item you've completed - a how to on

documentation, a few words on a historical person/event, photos, a book review, something to share with a newcomer - perhaps a short autobiography of your persona or how you came to figure out your persona.

The list can go on for ages - only limited by the speed at which our hands can write out what our minds can think of.

Come, share with us adventures in the great Barony of Ponte Alto, in the grand Kingdom of Atlantia, in this - the current Middle Ages!

## **NEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *EVENT & PRACTICE CANCELLATION*

*ATTENTION! Due to COVID-19, all non-virtual events and practices are cancelled until further notice.*

*The Barony encourages everyone to practice social distancing (as well following state and local guidelines) and we look forward to the day when regular activities can resume.*



## *From Kingdom*

*A message from the kingdom seneschal.*

May 29th

Greetings unto the Populace of Atlantia,

The Crown and I have continued to monitor the new information being released from governmental bodies regarding the Covid 19 pandemic affecting the regions of the Kingdom of Atlantia. It is with a heavy heart that I announce the cancellation of all in-person events as well as in-person activities (fighter practices, A&S, and meetings etc.) through July 1, 2020. Virtual activities will continue to occur and variances for virtual events are available through the Kingdom Seneschal's office.

The possibility of reopening activities is being monitored and we are prepared to roll back the cancellation date if possible. At this time, we will monitor state by state for local group activities, and remain firm that no Kingdom events will be held until all 5 states and the District of Columbia are open and allow gatherings of 500 or more. We make this announcement after great deliberation, in consultation with the great officers, and reviewing all available information at this time.

The cancellation of all activities means that no official in-person activities; local practices (all marshal activities and archery), A&S, or meetings, will be allowed in any part of Atlantia. An official activity is one publicized via an SCA website, group elist, SCA social media or to the membership of that group, and conducted in keeping with the SCA purpose and rules.

The variance we requested from the Board of Directors for the postponement of Crown Tourney will expire in July and it is my intention, at their Majesties behest, to request an extension for another 90 days, if necessary.

Despite being apart in person, Atlantia is leading the way in the SCA with Virtual Atlantia. Virtual Atlantia is the work of many generous people throughout the Kingdom. Thank you to everyone who is working so hard to provide us every day with activities. I strongly encourage you to add to the classes, online practices and information that is being shared.





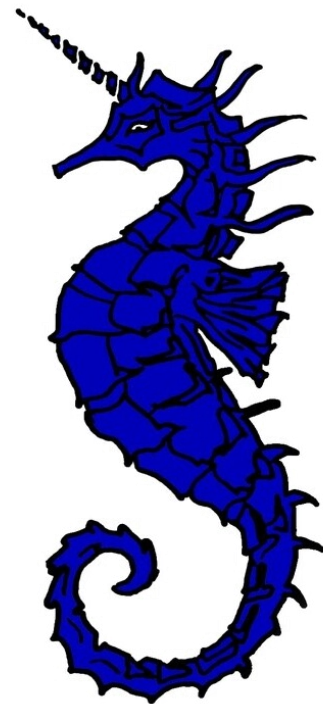
## *From Kingdom (cont.)*

I also commend the groups that are working hard to prepare for the future. From the cantons, shires and baronies holding online meetings to the virtual 'happy hours', we are coming together as often as we can. In addition, there are multiple Baronies that have upcoming Baronial pollings and their Seneschals and the Regional Seneschals are working to ensure continuity.

The ongoing uncertainty regarding when we will be able to gather as a Kingdom weighs heavily on all of us, our primary concern remains the health and well-being of all Atlantians. Their Majesties and I will continue to make announcements and to review the situation as we go forward.

Sincerely,

Duchess Simone de Barjavel  
Kingdom Seneschal, Atlantia





## Populace Gathering Minutes

May 24, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:08 pm

Adjourned at 5:30 pm

16 attendees

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

**Seneschal** – Geoffrey for Dwayne Eckman (Lord Seamus Ó Maoil Riain )

- ♦ New Kingdom Seneschal. Duchess Simone returns after a 3 year hiatus.

**Herald** - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer)

- ♦ Latest came out. Name successfully registered.
- ♦ A couple of requests for more information on registering.
- ♦ A device that was returned (fm Society) a few months ago. Working on re-submitting.

**Arts and Sciences** - Marion for Meghan Sherrill (Lady Ailleann O'Meighan )

- ♦ Continues
- ♦ This week's class got postponed from last week to upcoming due to travel. 2 classes trying to schedule.
- ♦ Working with a variety to work on marshalling classes.
- ♦ Put in for both student and teaching credits for University. Reg closes on June 5.
- ♦ Next week, part 2 of Revenge of the Stitch!
- ♦ Good class turnouts!

**Chatelaine** - Mary Dotson (Maria Chiara Datini)

- ♦ Not present

**Knight/Rapier Marshal** - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis) via messenger

- ♦ Not present

**Chronicler** - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Request for content. With thanks to the baroness for her contributions for last month.
- ♦ Marion to send info from virtual events.

**Web Minister** - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Working on fixing the Noyon's email forwarding. (*Editor's note: fixed!*)



## Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

### **Baron and Baroness - Nicholas Freer & Mary Bowles (Naran Numuchi & Marie-Therese Normand)**

- ◆ *From Naran:*
- ◆ Not much to report
- ◆ Archery (doing that at Grimmsfield)
- ◆ Colum says scoring is still for Royal Rounds is still allowed. (*Editor's note: as of May 30th, per Master Colum, DEM for Archery, in accordance with Kingdom announcement, Royal Rounds have been placed on moratorium until at least July 1.*)
- ◆ SAAD has directions for their virtual shoot. Naran shot today (per the Noyon "...did horribly"). Ronan plans to shoot it tomorrow.
- ◆ Scored a 94 RR with crossbow.
- ◆ Took Joanne Walker with her crossbow.
- ◆ Naran willing to marshal for folks if they want to go out for a RR. (*See Editor's note above.*)
- ◆ Also, don't forget the Grimmsfield Throwers Challenge!
  
- ◆ *From MT:*
- ◆ Kingdom asked the baronies to meet with them re: the pandemic. Will know more on Monday.
- ◆ Nothing for events.
- ◆ Staying in contact online. A&S at least once a week.
- ◆ Things to keep people interested in the SCA. A&S so far so good. Does not want to lose people due to loss of interest.
- ◆ She is making stuffed animals for the children's treasure chest.
  
- ◆ (Adina) Adelhait asking for folks to do an Interview.
  
- ◆ MT wants to post some things. Post stuff on A&S or Martial activities.
- ◆ Needs crash course in editing iPhone movies. Haakon might be able to help. MT wants help with trimming and cutting together. MT will reach out to Haakon.

### **Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)**

- ◆ 8,481.90 current balance (same as last month).

### **Events**

#### **Wild Hunt (Marion)**

- ◆ Have not been able to reach the park. Park may not be open yet.
- ◆ Mostly likely not a Royal event this year due to K&Q staying south.
- ◆ Need approximately 3 months planning time to get it done to the quality



## *Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)*

she'd like.

- ◆ We hope to make a decision by end of June.
- ◆ No money put out yet, excepting the \$25 application fee.
- ◆ 10/11th of Oct. Week before Wow.
  
- ◆ (Adina) WoW could get cancelled. If there is a spike (in COVID 19) after the Virginia State Fair opens up.
- ◆ (Emily) has been watching indicators for the Maryland Renaissance Festival (MDRF).
- ◆ (Seamus) We'll talk about more this at the June meeting.

### **Old Business**

- ◆ (Seamus) Getting out and doing the inventory. At some point. (Drogo) We did put stuff in the locker.

### **New Business**

- ◆ (Adina) make sure your warrants are updated!
- ◆ (Adina) also check on your authorizations for fighting.
- ◆ (Adina) Right now, Kingdom's refund policy is up to 5 days after. New policy. Events should include details on refund policy.
- ◆ (Adina) Virtual Atlantia. Adelhait's crew will do the editing.
- ◆ (Haakon) June picnic probably pushed. Will bring day-shade if folks want to come out. Nothing official.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◆ (Adina) Register for University!



## Ponte Alto Profiles

Continuing our series, *Ponte Alto Profiles*, where we put a spotlight on some of the people that make up the grand Barony of Ponte Alto. This month's featured Pontoon is Lady Marion Compton! She's been very active recently in helping to promote virtual activities! We hope you enjoy reading!

### Profile: Marion Compton

Who are you? (SCA name, title, etc):

Lady Marion Compton

How did you find the SCA?

I'd been peripherally aware of the SCA for a while before I actually got in touch. When I moved to Virginia, I was looking for a local circle of friends that could share a lot of my interests and was struggling to find them. Someone from home who knows a lot of my hobbies suggested I look up my local group and what the SCA does. It seemed like a good fit, so I stopped by a Picnic in the park and that was that.



What hooked you?

From a non-SCA perspective, I have a lot of weird interests — most of them surrounding my job in the food industry. Every step of the way when I was first trying stuff out, I found someone who either was interested or knew someone who was interested in those interests. Everyone's willingness to teach and encourage when they couldn't teach is still my favorite thing about the SCA.

Image courtesy of Rónán mac Ímair  
Photo taken at Yule Celebration 2019





## *Ponte Alto Profiles (cont.)*

### **What is the SCA to you?**

The SCA is my happy place. It's a place where I can explore making things and doing things I never thought I'd have an opportunity to. It has helped me make some of the most genuine and wonderful friends I have ever

had. It's somewhere where all the weird skills I've picked up through time are valued and can be useful.

### **Do you have a persona?**

My persona is still somewhat in development. Her name is Marion Compton. She comes from Berkshire, England and she enjoys anything that has to do with farming and cooking. Her newest hobby is black-work

embroidery.

### **Any current projects?**

I'm working on a long term project to make enough garb to attend a week at Pennsic next summer. To that end, I just got the fabric in for some smocks and will be starting those shortly.

### **What is your favorite SCA event (and why)?**

I think Universities are my favorite. There's A&S stuff, there's learning, there are martial options, there's food, there's great company, and everyone is just there to learn and grow together.



Images courtesy of Rónán mac Ímair

Photos taken at Yule Celebration 2019 & archery practice



## *Ponte Alto Profiles (cont.)*

### **How do you stay busy at events?**

The better question is probably how don't I... I'm usually helping in the kitchen, or I'm down at the archery range when possible. I'm finishing up MoL training, and try to run around and help with retaining where possible. If classes are available, I try to hit at least one and learn something new.

### **What activity do you not do, that you'd like/plan to try?**

Tallow soap and candle making! The company I work for has a ton of excess tallow and I really want to learn about all the things we could use it for.

### **What advice would you offer someone just getting started?**

You get out of the SCA what you put in. This is not a spectator sport, nor is it going to be handed to you on a plate. It's going to take work and putting yourself out there but I promise, it is absolutely worth it. Don't be afraid to ask for help and support though- it's very much a team effort.







## A&S Update from Marion Compton

We had a very busy May for A&S! Online classes included two parts of our Nalbinding series as well as kumihimo, some open format A&S, and ARTemisia Collegium. Registration opened for Summer University as well and will be open until June 5th. There have been virtual displays, bardic circles, classes of all sorts, and even Revenge of the Stitch! It's truly amazing to see how our communities have adapted and learned from this situation. Ponte Alto has been working on nalbinding, a variety of knitting, new garb, archery equipment, and more.

I have very little to add that cannot be better said showing off pictures, so without further ado...

Knitting (courtesy of Kathleen Gohn & Marion Compton):



Archery equipment (courtesy of Naran Numuchi):





## A&S Activities (cont.)

Garb (courtesy of Sofiya):



Nålbinding (courtesy of Kathleen Gohn & Marion Compton):







## Weekly/Monthly Events

### SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial  
Populace Gathering

Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the 4th Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at a location to be determined. Details will be advertised prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Outdoor  
Heavy Weapons

Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Park. Contact the Marshal for information.

Scribal and

Stierbach/  
Archery Practice

Heavy Weapons  
Practice

Rapier Practice

Projects Night

Stierbach/  
Winter Archery

SCA Newcomer  
Meetings

All activities and practices that take place in person have been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

The **Monthly Populace Gatherings** will take place on their regular dates by means of virtual communication. Details for those events, and how to access the virtual meetings will be posted on the Baronial website's calendar at <https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php> and other social media (including Facebook).

Look for other virtual practices and A&S activities to be advertised and promoted via the Baronial website, calendar, and other social media.

Also be sure to check out <http://virtual.atlantia.sca.org> for classes and activities!

members of the Barony. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information ([chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org)), or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent information.

\*Note on school locations for activities: There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are canceled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible. You can visit the Fairfax County Public Schools Emergency Announcement page for school closure status: <http://fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>

\* A reminder to those to attend marshal activities and practice at Fairfax County Public Schools:  
NO FORM of real weapons, even Swiss Army knives, box cutters, etc. are to be brought onto school property.\*



# Baronial Progress

Baronial Progress for June/July	
Date	Event
	No events scheduled at this time due to COVID-19

## We really could use your help

There are several positions in our Barony that could use a Deputy; actually, all of the positions that we have could benefit by having at least one deputy.

Why a Deputy? Well, it is easy for any one of us to intend to do something if we don't take into account that the SCA is what we do with our time after we are finished doing what we do to pay the bills.

With deputies, the work load can be shared, allowing more work to be accomplished with less time and stress for any one individual.

Besides, it is a great way to work with others to do something different to help make your, and other's, SCA experience that much better!





## Ponte Alto Notables

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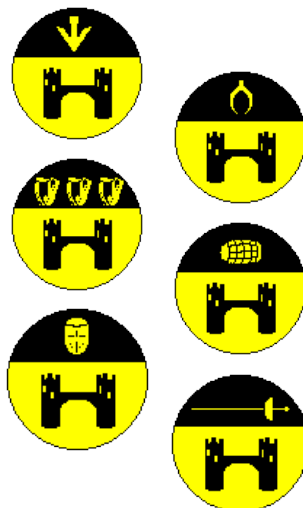
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**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Emilia di Nicastro  
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*Looking for a way to get involved?*

*Why not try retaining!*

*What is retaining?*

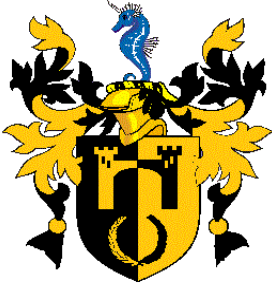
*Their Excellencies need help with taking notes (e.g. for gifts or to-do stuff), staying hydrated, reminders to stay on schedule, fetching things, and otherwise keeping Their Excellencies comfortable and out of trouble (especially the Mongol one)!*

*Who can retain?*

*Anyone can retain! If you've got free time at an event, Their Excellencies will be very appreciative of your assistance. Plus it's a great way to learn more about what it means to be part of the pageantry of the SCA!*

*How can I volunteer?*

*If you are interested in volunteering, or even just finding out more, reach out to our head retainer, Diego Díaz de Oviedo at [headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org)*



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