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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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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

Congrats to our newest champions!

Archery Champion	Sof'ia of Ponte Alto
A&S Champion	Briana Morgan of the Valley
Bardic Champion	Celia of Rosedale
Heavy Champion	Hákon brimill
Rapier Champion	Colette Vitalis
Thrown Weapons Champion	Rónán mac Ímair

Congrats as well to our newest award recipients!

Order of the Garland	Mary Chiara Datini
Ponte d' Argento & Order of the Garland	Marion Compton
Ponte d' Oro	Barbara MacAuley
Ponte Nero	Sof'ia of Ponte Alto
Baron's Award of Excellence	Seamus O Maoil Riain
Baroness's Award of Courtesy	Adina von der Heide Drogo Rainulf de Dragonera



Holiday Greetings

Greetings to our dear Pontoons,

Happy ChrismaChanaKwanaSaturSolstica! It was great to at least have a virtual court, to recognize our people for good works. It was our first court this way, and we hope you enjoyed it, but we hope that our future courts will be in person, that we all will have overcome this plague together, and returned to something close to normal. We will keep you apprised of kingdom developments as things go on. Please keep hope in your hearts, and continue your SCA passions however you safely can.

Ponte Alto Invictus!

Naran Numuchi

Noyon

Barony of Ponte Alto



Screen capture from Ponte Alto Yule court

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9ms0W63cbw>



Populace Gathering Minutes

December 27, 2020

Zoom virtual meeting

5:08 pm

Adjourned at 5:33 pm

12 attendees

OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

- ♦ No specific word. No word yet about Crown. Kingdom still basically closed down.

Exchequer - Katie Bischoff (Astrid)

- ♦ \$8,481.90 balance
- ♦ Storage payment for Dec will be on next statement.
- ♦ Waiting for word back from bank re: getting Tristan on the account.

Arts and Sciences - Emily Shifflett (Lady Marion Compton)

- ♦ A couple of things in Dec, but mostly quiet.
- ♦ Had an A&S night, but no one showed up, so it was ended early.
- ♦ No cookie recipe participants, so no cookie contest took place.
- ♦ A&S on the calendar for Jan. No topic yet.
- ♦ Some stuff coming from Kingdom A&S for competitions. More info after next A&S meeting.
- ♦ Kingdom is planning to release baker and brewer positions. More info to come. Probably not until late summer for any competition?
- ♦ 12th night should be fun. Picking A&S champion, and royal Bard. Should be some dance classes.
- ♦ One extra meeting in Jan to talk about A&S in the upcoming year (with quarantine still on-going).

Chatelaine - Charlene Ratliff (Delphina the Mad)

- ♦ A few new people have shown interest in the group.
- ♦ No meeting this month, will be next month.

Knight/Rapier Marshal - Brittany Lasley (Colette Vitalis)

- ♦ Not present

Chronicler - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues
- ♦ Pictures welcome for latest Il Tempo.



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

Web Minister - Ron Hanagan (Rónán mac Ímair)

- ♦ Continues

Herald - Sarah Stango (Johanna le Paumer) via Email

- ♦ I still have a couple of names at the Society commentary level that I've been monitoring.
- ♦ I've also gotten three new folks reaching out about names and one new device. One with a name and the device has sent in the paperwork, but I'm still waiting to hear back from the others about finalizing their submissions.

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

- ♦ *From MT:*
- ♦ We had court. Yule court. A little weird, but good.
- ♦ Recognized a lot of people that were long overdue.
- ♦ Solicited comments said it (court) was good.
- ♦ Interview on Tuesday. Interkingdom on how do we keep going during the quarantine. Will talk about A&S, online, etc. Four different kingdoms participating. MT representing Atlantia. "How to recruit and maintain people in this time."
- ♦ Online sewing, A&S, happy hour, all resumes in Jan. Will have Happy Hour in Jan, 3rd Sunday. Will continue with that in the new year. And we'll decide how long to continue, or if there might be themes. She might drag out her chessboards and hold a tourney.
- ♦ *From Naran:*
- ♦ We had court.
- ♦ Making more stuff (shows arrows)
- ♦ Too cold for archery today.
- ♦ If we gather at any time soon, it will likely be at Grimmsfield. Rules for Maryland (e.g. for Lake Needwood) are getting more strict.

Events

Wild Hunt

- ♦ (Marion) Gulf Wars (GW) may now conflict with the Hunt, and bump up against War of the Wings (WoW). After their decision, we'll have to decide what to do with our Wild Hunt event. Possibly 2nd-10th for GW. 10-18th for WoW.
- ♦ Emily will update us as soon as she can.
- ♦ Discussion about a lot of events possibly trying to squeeze into the latter half



Populace Gathering Minutes (cont.)

of the year, and whether we can realistically expect to draw in enough fighters for the event, and whether we'll need to look at a smaller site if Wild Hunt does happen.

- ♦ Marion will set up a meeting in Jan or Feb to further discuss after we hear what's happening with GW and WoW.

Old Business

- ♦ n/a

New Business

- ♦ n/a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ n/a





A&S Update from Marion Compton

Hello again Pontoons!

2020 is (at long, long last) drawing to a close. It's been a crazy but exciting year for A&S, and I cannot thank you all enough for that. In 2020, Pontoons taught a total of 44 classes, covering 39 unique subjects. These included everything from our nalbinding series to our fighter strategy series, and beyond. There were several participants in monthly Revenge of the Stitch, some fun virtual competitions, and the barony's first-ever virtual court. We also added deputy positions, a new A&S champion, who is introduced below.

In January, our A&S night will be themed around SCA 2021 resolutions. Is there something you particularly want to learn or accomplish this year? Come share your goals, hang out, and do general A&S stuff together on January 19th.

We will also be having an A&S team meeting in January, date to be announced. The goal of this meeting is to come up with some ideas for classes, events, online engagement, etc. for Ponte Alto for 2021. We'd love to see anyone with ideas for what you would like to see for Ponte Alto's A&S in the coming year.

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From our new A&S Champion!

*Greetings Ponte Alto,*

*I am Banbharun Briana Morgan of the Valley, and I have the honor of being selected as Their Excellencies A&S Champion.*

*I started the SCA in 1992 in Attillium and spent 13 years in Atlantia before moving to the Midrealm for 10 years and "I'm BAAAACK". I enjoy Cotehardies and Sideless Surcotes and am usually noticeable by the length of my train even on wet and cold days.*

*I am an artist of many diverse arts to include: Cooking, Knitting, Sewing, Cross Stitch, Embroidery, Weaving, Beading, Kumihimo, Stained Glass, Calligraphy, and Illumination.*



Photo courtesy of: Briana Morgan



## *A&S Activities*

*I have worked on a few projects: Fabric shield covers, tabards, gift bags, beaded roses, handkerchief, banners, list field decorations, and table covers.*

*I have two cats that I work to support in the lifestyle they have become accustomed to and welcome people over to my home to learn what I can teach.*

*I look forward to meeting everyone if not in person then on-line.*

*In Service to the Dream,*

*Banbharun Briana Morgan of the Valley*

*CoGD, CoP, ODH*

*Ar dtús seirbhís, i gcónaí cuannacht (Service First, Grace Always)*





### Archery Update from Rónán mac Ímair

At long last, Ponte Alto has a new archery champion! Congrats to Lady Sof'ia!

Greetings Ponte Alto,

I am Lady Sof'ia Dolgorukaia, sometimes known as Holly the Hard Worker, and I recently had the honor of being selected by their excellencies as Ponte Alto's New Archery Champion.



I started in the SCA in Ponte Alto in 2016 and can usually be found helping to set up tents, supporting the feastocrat or out on the archery range. I started playing around with archery a few years before joining the SCA, my mum's significant other is an inactive SCAdian from the Outlands and archery is one of our shared interests.

In 2019, I received my first recurve bow and have been learning to shoot with a thumb draw. I am also learning how to make my own arrows under the tutelage of His Excellency. I intend to become an Archery Marshal-in-Training, a goal that was derailed due to COVID, as soon as possible once we resume normal SCA life.

In addition to being your new Archery Champion, I am also Ponte Alto's Deputy Chatelain and the TA Coordinator for University of Atlantia.

I hope to see you all virtually and in-person and I look forward to supporting Ponte Alto's Archery community.

In Service to the Dream,

Lady Sof'ia Dolgorukaia



## *Martial Activities (cont.)*

### **A word from our new Rapier Champion by Colette Vitalis**

We face many challenges this coming year as we have the year before. As we transition, eventually, this year back into practices, my goal is to support Ponte Alto's rapier fighters in returning without injury. With no realistic expectation of larger melees returning soon, I would instead like to focus my efforts on bringing the barony's rapier fighters and Their Excellencies closer by encouraging more community involvement. If I can be the bridge to help create a stronger Ponte Alto, I feel I will have served Their Excellencies well.



Pictures courtesy of Colette Vitalis



## 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 January/February |                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date                                   | Event                                                                 |
|                                        | <b>No in-person events scheduled at this time<br/>due to COVID-19</b> |
|                                        |                                                                       |

## *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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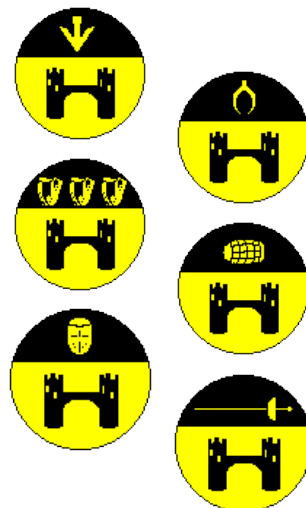
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### *Looking for a way to get involved?*

#### *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)!*

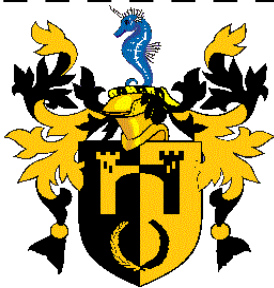
##### *Who can retain?*

*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!*

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