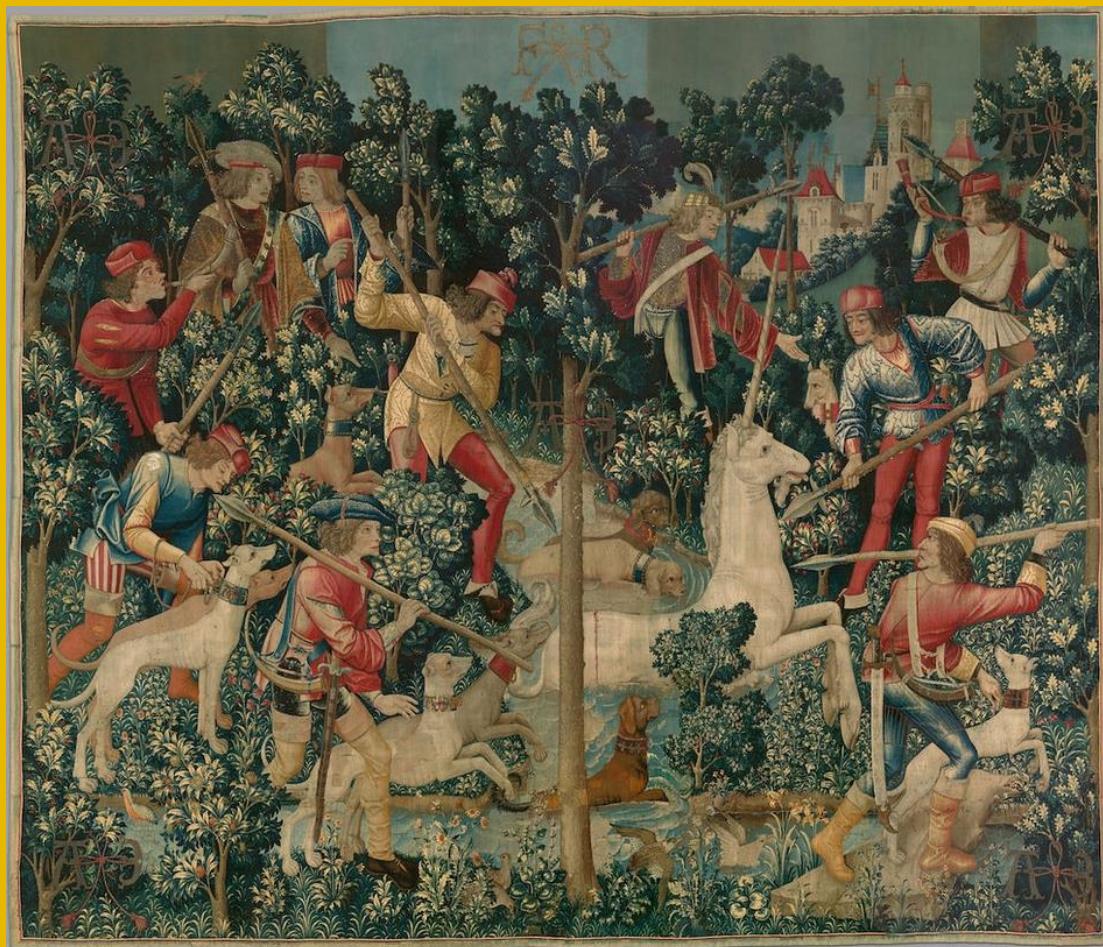


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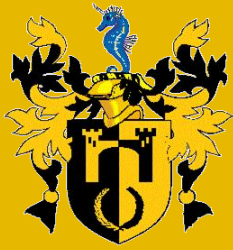
THE UNICORN CROSSES A STREAM (FROM THE UNICORN TAPESTRIES)

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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!

News & Announcements

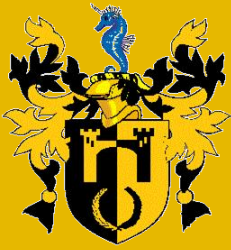
Congratulations to honorary Pontoon Jennifer de Winter for receiving her very deserved Coral Branch!

Congratulations to Lady Sofia Dolgorukaia for all her efforts put forth in achieving the King's Missilier at Defending the Gate, in the Barony of Steirbach!

Congratulations to Lady Ciosa di Tommaso for entering and taking second place in Defending the Gate's Arts and Science competition!

Congratulations to Sir Arundor who after many years of training, fighting, service, and being the cool person he is, has been raised to knighthood in Atlantia. Vivats Sir Arundor! Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

The Atlantia COVID policy has changed. For more information, please visit <https://atlantia.sca.org/reopening-atlantia/>.



Populace Gathering Minutes

Date: March 27, 2022

Began: 5:05 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Adjourned: 5:47 PM

Notes: Lord Rónán mac Ímair/
Juliana le Webbe

Attendees: 13

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Seneschal – Lord Hákon brimill (David Hultman)

- Biggest news – COVID restrictions have been pulled back
- Things have been pretty smooth, but still bring a mask for inspections and being under people's day shades. People may request it.
- If you were near rebated steel for Defending the Gate, someone tested positive for COVID, so keep an eye on it.
- Started talking to people who were interested in Exchequer. Still looking. Please reach out if interested.
 - We are coming down to the wire (end of next month)
 - (MT) we may be able to ask Celia to fill in.
 - (Hákon) the people who talked to me have indicated that they are only interested temporarily. Several have mentioned interest but need someone to reach out to us.
 - (MT) I posted that we were looking to various FB pages.

Exchequer - Astrid (Katie Bischoff)

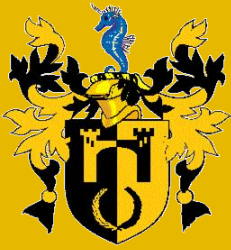
- \$9,858.70
- Working on the quarterly report. Everything should be good to go.

Knight Marshal – Lord Hákon brimill on behalf of Lord Jacques Gonse

- Thursday practices up and running, about 7 or 8 on average.
- Rapier has also been consistently attended on Thursdays.
- Sunday has been going well
- New fighters were authorized yesterday at Defending.
- Jacques is on the right path
- (MT) there may be some Melees going on Sundays. Talking about a 10-12 slot perhaps. Sent a note to Henry. Will try to fit that in for prep for Pennsic.
- (Rónán) Archery at Grimmsfield on Monday is now open. 5 PM.

Arts and Sciences - Doña Mariana Ruiz de Medina (Emily Shifflett)

- Continues
- We had fun classes last month.
- Awaiting some responses for upcoming meetings
- This week we have a walk through of the AEL system, Tuesday the 29th
 - Esp. for awards.
- Blood Bath – on the way, going to have a photo area
 - Please participate. Mariana sponsoring the prize herself.



- Scroll Blank competition
- Open display
- I am looking for a Deputy that I can train to step up as the A&S minister, and someone to be the SMO.

Social Media Officer - Doña Mariana Ruiz de Medina

- Looking for my replacement! Contact me if interested.

Chatelaine - Lady Delphina the Mad (Charlene Ratliff)

- Newcomers meeting on Wednesday
- Going to have a newcomer's corner at Blood Bath.

Herald - Lady Johanna le Paumer (Sarah Stango)

- Continues
- Did have someone reach out for new heraldry. Research looked good. (It was Juliana)
- New scribe reached out about learning, did some work on his own, looks like he's going to join the scroll blank competition at Blood Bath.

Chronicler - Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

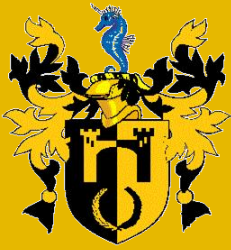
- Continues
- Juliana has most of the next issue ready to go
- Looking for content, especially from Martial folks
- Adding an Art Spotlight!
- (Juliana) Send us articles!! PLEASE

Web Minister - Lord Rónán mac Ímair (Ron Hanagan)

- Continues
- Juliana sent some updates, and they have been made

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

- Noyon Naran Numuchi
 - Pontoon got some awards at both KASF and Defending the Gate
 - Naran put some of his stuff out for KASF.
 - Attending: Coronation, Blood Bath, Crown Tourney, Fae Moon, Melees, On Target, Ruby Joust, Storvik Novice.
 - At Defending the Gate, a few people got awards.
 - New King's Missilier: Lady Sof'ia.
 - Ramos attended.
 - Gotten myself involved with Laurel stuff
- Baroness Marie Therese Normand
 - Nothing to report, beyond the Gulf Wars stuff.
 - Attending: Coronation, blood bath, crown tourney.
 - I will be fighting in crown if they accept my letter. Closing next week? Will submit tonight.



EVENTS

Bloodbath (Sof'ia)

- 2 weeks away!
- All major positions filled.
 - Looking for additional retainers
 - Juliana volunteered
- This is now a royal progress event
 - His Majesty is going to attend.
 - Request that we add \$50 to food budget to make sure His Majesty is taken care of
 - (Hákon) any objections?
 - Head shakes – no
 - Passed.
- We might have a larger attendance now that this is a royal progress Event.
- Bring day shades! Will do a baronial day-shade for His Majesty and Their Excellencies.

OLD BUSINESS

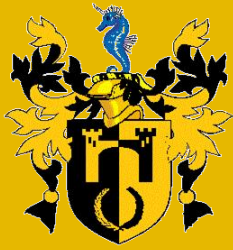
- n/a

NEW BUSINESS

- (Naran) – do we need to look ahead for fall events, like Wild Hunt?
 - (MT) Pennsic would be before that, do we have links established
 - Hákon we have land agent established
- (MT) are we planning Baronial Birthday?
 - (Hákon) in theory, yes
 - (MT) I'm looking at a non-fighting event, highlight the artisans and services we've done as a barony.
- (Rónán) If you are planning to attend (stay with) the Ponte Alto encampment, please register your info at our Pennsic page!
 - <https://pontealto.atlantia.sca.org/pennsic/>
- Schools are expensive for rental, in excess of \$2,000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Adina) I have some scribal supplies that I'd like to pass on to beginners
- (Adina) Drogo will be teaching at Faie Moon – brewing.
- (Sof'ia) Next university is in-person Saturday, Sunday is virtual
 - We are doing instructor stoplights related to University.
 - Summer University will be in Lynchburg/Black Diamond with a Sunday virtual component
 - Trying to get one in Myrtle Beach for Fall
 - Also doing an Instructor Spotlight on April 12. With their incoming majesties (Cuan and Adelhait) and the outgoing (Eckhart and Jane) Will be virtual. Asking for questions to be sent in advance
- (Hákon) Anyone want to have a picnic in April? End of April? All of the things!
 - People expressed interest.



A&S Activities

A&S Update from Doña Mariana Ruiz de Medina

Greetings fair Ponte Alto!

March was a quiet month for A&S. We opened our German A&S block and learned some great places to find resources for extant pieces and art examples. In April, all focus turns to Bloodbath for the first week. Our A&S focus for Bloodbath is on the open display and the baronial scroll blanks competition and we look forward to seeing all your work.

Our A&S nights this month will feature our usual "What the heck am I teaching at University?" discussion on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 pm. Then we'll wrap up our German block on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm. After that, it's on to block printing!

The barony is still searching for largess, especially with Crown Tourney fast approaching. If you have any questions regarding largess, please feel free to reach out.

YIS,

Doña Mariana Ruiz de Medina

Do you have an A&S project you'd like to share with your fellow Pontoons?

We'd love to publish it! Contact our [Minister of A&S](#), Lady Mariana Ruiz de Medina!

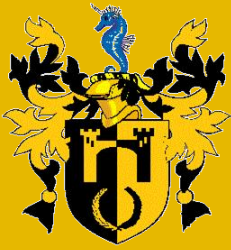
We really could use your help!

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 consider 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 workload 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 yours, and others', SCA experience that much better!



Garb Attempts: Norse Jewelry

Article and Photos by Juliana le Webbe

When I was making my first SCA garb ever for the 2021 St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath, I had need of the turtle broaches and string of beads. Since this was part of my first ever attempt at garb, and I already knew this wouldn't be my permanent persona, I did what anyone would do: I went to Joann's and ordered off Amazon.

At Joann's I bought some clay beads with patterns, some abalone shell beads, and some colorful dyed-stone beads to make this. I also got this pendant which I am well aware is not historically accurate. But it's pretty, and I'm fairly certain this passes the 10 ft rule, so I'm good. The broaches I purchased off of Amazon, and again, since this isn't my persona and they pass the 10 ft rule, we're golden.



The jewelry is two strings, because I'm extra, and the beads are strung on copper wire rather than any sort of thread. I'm clumsy, and often careless and forgetful, so making sure this was sturdy was important. That, and I tried making it out of thread and I didn't like how it hung. Stringing the beads on wire make the whole thing sturdier.

When I made this piece, I made the wire for the two strands connected. It's one piece. The idea is that as I was attaching the straps of the apron dress to the body, I would slip the copper loops of the bead string through the pins. I don't know how accurate or not that was, but it worked and stayed in place the entire day. I did not lose either the beads or broaches.

I think it turned out rather well! And no matter the height of the straps-to-body placement of the turtle broaches, the necklace hangs well. So, success! If I were to do this again, I would look for more period-accurate beads and pendants.



Martial Activities

Heavy Weapons and Rapier Updates

- Practices on Sundays continue, as do Thursday practices
- If you have a question about practices, or questions about the joining in on activities, please contact either Knights', Armored, or Rapier martials.

Archery & Thrown Weapons Updates

My good and noble friends of the bow,

The range is finally open, and our shared archery practices with our neighbors from Stierbach have resumed at Grimmsfield! We look forward to seeing any and all that can join us on Mondays at 5:00PM until dusk to share the joy of sending a few arrows down range among friendly folk! We have loaner gear for those folks that would like to try archery but don't have their own gear.

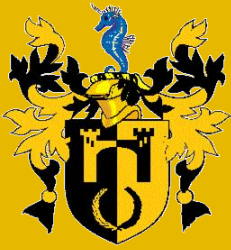


As a safety note, as it has been a while since many of us have been on the range, now would be a great time to do a physical inspection of your bow, bowstring, and your arrows to make sure they are all in good condition!

We look forward to seeing you on the range!

YIS,

Lord Rónán mac Ímair, *Ponte Alto Archery Marshal*



A Note from Grimm

I have stepped back from the day to day operations of Grimmsfield for a while, so the Range will now be managed by the following people:

- Lord Rónán mac Ímair (ronan.mac.imair@gmail.com)
- Lord Miles de Locwode. (Milesdelocwode@verizon.net)

They will be assisted by the following good gentles:

- Lady Treya Min Teanga
- Lady Celestria Alexandre d'Amiens
- Lord Chris Le Strange
- Lord David of Stierbach
- Lady Morag Ap Preachain
- Master Colum Maxwell

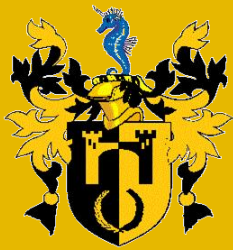
Hope to see you all on the range.

Your servant,

Grimm



Photo credit for the Archery & Thrown Weapons Updates: Lord Rónán mac Ímair



Martial Word Search

Here's a puzzle for you! 17 words related to different Martial items are included below. Can you find them all? I hope you do! Answers are on the same page as the Ponte Alto Notables. 😊

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Y	N	J	O	W	M	O	E	J	I	R	M	P	W	A

Gambeson

Gauntlet

Dagger

Helmet

Cuisse

Greatsword

Gorget

Shield

Polearm

Spaulder

Buckler

Halberd

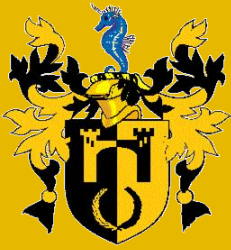
Vambrace

Sword

Spear

Rerebrace

Mace



Art Spotlight: Textile Fragment

circa mid-16th century



From the Met's website:

Woven silk was an integral part of the Ottoman economy and an important trade item that yielded substantial revenue to the Ottoman treasury. It was also a sign of accumulated individual wealth and ranked alongside precious gems and metals as an indication of affluence. The choice of colors in this fragment is restricted to a blue ground with the pattern picked out in white, salmon pink, gold, and silver. The bold and forceful design of palmettes is softened by the graceful overlapping stem systems in the interstices. The palmettes, which form the heart of the ogival framework, are composed of three medallions: the innermost has a spiky outline with a tulip tree placed on a dotted ground, the middle one has a serrated edge anchoring an acanthus-type leaf facing the center, and the largest is decorated with palmette trees and a scalloped edge made of leaves.

To Find out more, visit The Met website [here](#).



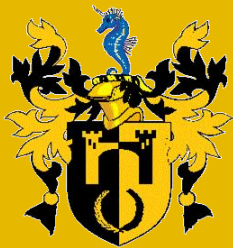
Weekly/Monthly Events

<i>SUNDAY</i>	
Outdoor Heavy Weapons	Weather permitting, 12:00 noon until dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Contact the Baronial Knight Marshal for information (see Regnum). (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list) Directions: Take your best route to I-495. Get off at the exit for Route 7 East (Falls Church). Go about 1 mile; the library is on the left. Park in the library lot and walk down the hill to the park.
<i>MONDAY</i>	
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Archery Practice	Practice is held at Grimmsfield. 16132 Crusade Ct. Haymarket, VA 20169. 5:00pm until dusk. If you need loaner gear, or would like more information, please contact the Archery Marshal, Lord Rónán mac Ímair.
<i>THURSDAY</i>	
Heavy Weapons Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above). Winter, Lemon Road Elementary School cafeteria (7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church), weather and school events permitting (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
Rapier Practice	Summer, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, (see Outdoor Heavy Weapons and Rapier Practice above) Winter, Shreveview Elementary school cafeteria (7525 Shreve Rd, Falls Church), 6:30pm-9pm (cancellations posted on the Ponte Alto e-list)
<i>FRIDAY</i>	
Stierbach/Ponte Alto Winter Archery Practice	ON HOLD
<i>MONTHLY</i>	
SCA Newcomer Meetings	Newcomer Meetings are held the <u>4th Tuesday</u> of the month at 7:30 p.m. via either Zoom or Google Meets. Contact the Baronial Chatelaine for information (chatelaine@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org) or check out the Events/Activities page on the website for the most recent information.
Ponte Alto Baronial Populace Gathering	Populace Gathering (and Business) Meeting, usually the <u>4th Sunday</u> of the month at 5:00 p.m. virtually on Zoom. Details will be advertised prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.
A&S Projects Night	<u>1st & 3rd Tuesday</u> , via Zoom or at private residences. Address will be posted on a private site (Facebook A&S Event) to preserve the privacy of the host. If you'd like to host or don't have a Facebook account and need the address, please contact Lady Mariana de Ruiz (mka Emily Shifflett) moas@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org.

*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>

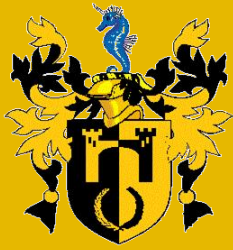
* A reminder to those to attend marshal activities and practice at Fairfax County Public Schools:
NO FORM of real weapons, even Swiss Army knives, box cutters, etc, are to be brought onto school property.*



Upcoming Events in Atlantia

Date	Event
4/9	St Paddy's Day Blood Bath : Vienna VA (Ponte Alto) (K)
4/9	Dragon's Fire - A Celebration of St. George's Day : Easley SC (Saint Georges)
4/9	Festival of Elvegast: Journey to Avallon : Hillsborough NC (Elvegast) (Q)
4/15 - 4/17	Night Under a Faie Moon : Annapolis MD (Lochmere)
4/22 - 2/24	Revenge of the Stitch VII : Chestertown Road MD (Spiaggia Levantina)
4/22 - 4/24	Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday : Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain) (K)
5/7	Atlantian Spring Crown Tourney : Leesburg VA (Stierbach) (Q K)
5/13 - 5/15	Gardens of Thyme & Oakwood : Boonville NC (Middlegate)
5/14	Highland River Melees : Frederick MD (Highland Foorde) (Q K)
5/21	Not Quite Quarterly Braggin' Rights Tourney : Aiken SC (Ritterwald)
5/21	On Target : Annapolis MD (Lochmere)
5/21	Hawkwood Baronial Birthday: Spread Your Wings! : Tryon NC (Hawkwood)
5/27 - 5/30	Ruby Joust : Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Q K)
6/2 - 6/4	BAWT II : Myrtle Beach SC (Moorhaven) (Q K)
6/4	Skewered! 3 : Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)
6/11	Atlantian University TBD (In-Person) : (Atlantia) (Q)
6/17 - 6/19	Below the Salt - Elchenburg Market Faire : Boonville NC (Sacred Stone)
6/23 - 6/26	Tournoi de la Rapiere Blade : Bryson City NC (Stormwall) (Q K)
6/25 - 6/26	Kings Assessment : Roanoke VA (Black Diamond)

*Note that these dates and links are subject to change. For a full and updated list, please visit the Atlantia Kingdom Calendar at <https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>.



Baronial Progress

Date	Event	Progress
4/9	St Paddy's Day Blood Bath	Naran, MT
4/15 - 4/17	Night Under a Faie Moon	Naran
5/7	Atlantian Spring Crown Tourney	Naran, MT
5/14	Highland River Melees	Naran
5/21	On Target	Naran
5/27 - 5/30	Ruby Joust	Naran
7/8 - 7/10	Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament	Naran

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!

headretainer@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



Ponte Alto Notables



Archery Champion: Sof'ia Dolgorukaia
acherychamp@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



A&S Champion: Briana Morgan of the Valley
artisan@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



Bardic Champion: Celia of Rosedale
bard@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



Brewing Champion: Heinrich von Holstein
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Heavy Champion: Hákon brimill
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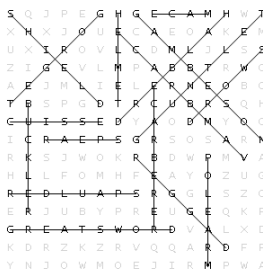
Rapier Champion: Colette Vitalis
rapierchamp@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org



Thrown Weapons Champion: Rónán mac Ímair
twchamp@pontealto.atlantia.sca.org

Looking for Largesse

We are in need of largess for the upcoming year! Please contact Her Excellency about your donations. 😊





Regnum

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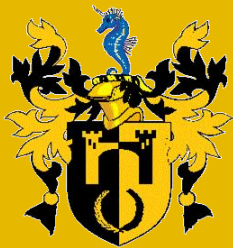
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