



# Stormscroll

Monthly Newsletter of the Barony of Stormhold

September AS LIX (CE 2024)



*Calligraphy and Illumination Workshop, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>*



*Lord Ronan loses a deadly shaft*



*Monthly Bash*

# Calendar

## September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Bash Darling Gardens Cnr South Terrace and Gold Street Clifton Hill Vic 3068  
10am setup; 11am Opening Court (see flyer herein for more details)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 7-8<sup>th</sup> Crown Tournament, Torlyon
- 9<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 9<sup>th</sup> Online Dance: see Stormhold FB page for details, thanks to Mistress Aliette.
- 14-15<sup>th</sup> Royal Visit to Krae Glas (see event notice)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill  
Heraldic Consult – name and device info session with Brian and other willing heralds
- 24<sup>th</sup> Baronial Council Meeting: **\*\*Online\*\***, 7.30pm, conducted through the offices of Zoom, Schwarz and Profigliani, treble goddesses of Wine, Late Dinners & Mysterious Messages
- 27-29<sup>th</sup> Arrow, Shield and Fibreglass Rapier/Armour Workshop chez Nicki.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill  
Hats and headwear discussion / workshop with Violette

## October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Bash Darling Gardens Cnr South Terrace and Gold Street Clifton Hill Vic 3068
- 7<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 8<sup>th</sup> THL Elizabet Hunter is hosting for us Silk Banner making workshop in two parts. workshop online: theory and prep designs for your banner 7pm on Zoom
- 13<sup>th</sup> Silk Banner workshop practical – all day at Nicki's unless a central location can be found for all day with space for 10+ people Cost per banner for silk, paint, resist etc \$35
- 14<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Music with Daffyd
- 20<sup>th</sup> Archery Championship
- 21<sup>st</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Cord making – finger loop, lucet, knotting etc. Bring desired threads wool, cotton, linen, silk etc.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Baronial Council on Zoom at 7.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice.

## November

- 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Dirty A&S Weekend, Kingdom A&S Competition entries early judging
- 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck Picnic (day before Melbourne Cup) Crafhall & Monthly bash? (early start?)
- 10<sup>th</sup> MOD Visit for Rapier workshop. Their Excellencies Juliana and Ibn Jelal are coming to support our Rapier development 10-4pm. Working on a location.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Music with Daffyd
- 16-17<sup>th</sup> Coronation in Burnfield (Central QLD)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Pouch making and design
- 25<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice.

## December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Bash and Yule
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice.
- 7<sup>th</sup> All Vic Fighters and Marshals meeting and bbq dinner. Review the year and plan stuff for 2025. 6pm (TBC)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Music with Daffyd Last for 2024

## Persona Biography - Nicolette de Coulours

Greetings good populace, please allow me to introduce myself, I am the new Stormhold Seneschal.

I would like to thank Noble Cecilia ine Queerke for handing the office over well-tended and offering to be my temporary deputy while I find my feet. I have been involved in reenactment since 1990, and SCA for most of that time. I have lived in several baronies over the years, moving to Stormhold in Jan22. You may have met me in a kitchen, on the fighting field or in an arts and science workshop. I have taught different classes such as tablet weaving, garb, cooking, and armour (non-metal types) amongst others. I have held several officer positions prior to this, including one Kingdom role. I am a member of the blue feather household since my beginning in the society and I am student to Master Drake.

My persona originally was French 13<sup>th</sup> century, with Coulours being the location of a Templar university founded in Northern France in that time. However, as I have broadened my experiences, I am now in the process of researching and becoming a Turkish noblewoman.

Mundanely, I have been a commercial cook, a special educator in high school disability units and now in strategic planning. I have three adult children (two of whom are currently active in the SCA) and two grandchildren.

I look forward to working with you.

In service

THL Nicolette de Coulours (aka Nicki Dobson she/her)

## From the Baron & Baroness

Unto the fine gentles who call Stormhold home (and anyone else reading this!) do Eleanora and Leif, Baroness and Baron of Stormhold send warm greetings.

Another busy month has been and gone, with the last few days of Winter upon us now. We started the month off with a cosy night of games and merriment at the Cup and Dice Tavern. Eleanora and Leif, never ones to stand on ceremony, held a quick court at the Tavern to welcome our new Lists officer, Medb, and our new Seneschal, Nicolette.

The following day was the first Sunday of the months, so as always, we hosted the Monthly Bash. Those enjoying the brisk weather ate well and fought hard, and We welcomed Angus as our new Arts and Sciences officer! Angus also received, somewhat belatedly, his Award of Arms promissory from Their Majesties, Oz and Miriam.

A hearty thank you to all of our outgoing and incoming officers. Without their dedication, the Barony would surely crumble.

Baron Leif then ventured north to the beautiful Shire of Bordescros to learn new skills and test out old skills at the Guilded Symposium. From beer tasting to woodworking, fencing to sugar crafting, and everything in between, it was a fantastic way for the Guilds of Lochac to showcase their skills. An excellent event in a stunningly beautiful location, with many wonderful people in attendance.

Next month we will be visiting Krae Glas to join in their Day of Honour celebrations, and Their Majesties, Iglesia Delamere and Bain of Stornaway, will be joining us. While any time is the perfect time to send a recommendation to the Crown to acknowledge the skills and service of those around us, it is particularly important just before a Royal visit!

As we come to the turn in the seasons and hope to be busier again through Spring, I feel it is also time for an important reminder as we gather once more:

The Society for Creative Anachronism, including Stormhold, remains committed to ensuring that we reflect the best and most welcoming aspects of the modern world, committing to celebrating equity, diversity, and inclusiveness in the game we play. Researching and re-creating cultures of bygone eras does not require abandoning the values of the present and our Codes of Conduct reflect this.

We welcome people of all ages, sexes, ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ableness, and reject anyone who will discriminate on any of these bases. The promotion of social equity and diversity in our activities remains fundamental to our game as a requirement for participation.

We look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming months.

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Eleanora and Leif,

Baroness and Baron of Stormhold

# Event Notices

## Krae Glas Royal Visit



Great populace, we plan on having a celebration at Hallam Recreation Reserve (Frawley Rd, Hallam). You are invited on the 14-15th of September to come and celebrate with The Barony of Krae Glas the Joy and things we love of the SCA. So save the date. We are having a weekend of fun, joy and celebration as we run tournaments, feasts, dancing, singing, competitions and so much more.

And the theme is Joy! What does that mean? You ask. "Show us what brings you joy in the SCA." So throw on your best outfit. Bring the things that give you joy. It could be your favourite dish, your favourite outfit or just sending a thoughtful message to express how great the SCA is.

The Royals are attending. And we hear they like some shenanigans. Please also remember to think about those people you know who may need recognition of the service, or skills they have shown. Bookings close soon so Book Now!

For more information: <https://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/2024/08/11/days-of-honour-royal-visit/>

## Event Reports

Under the auspices of Captain of Archers THL Gillucan ua Tomeltaig an archery tourney and Royal Round was held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The victor was Lord Ronan of Stormhold. A Boar of Rubber sustained several injuries; but it is reported to be responding well to treatment, and may expected to be up and about in time for the next archery tourney.

Monthly Bash was celebrated with much rejoicing on September 1<sup>st</sup> with tourneys Heavy and Rapier. Combatants introduced themselves in rhyming couplets or song. Sir Brennan's marvellously restrained choral performance included a stylish cadence which quite took the breath away. Master Cormac's sonnet (My Wizard's eyes are nothing like the sun) was a most ingenious salute to the guest of honour, who was regaled with part-song, cake, and frivolous Dolour. Sir Brennan and Master Sir Wolfram were the victors in the two tourneys.

# Want Ads

You should know that the office of Constable for Stormhold is vacant and a new h'officer is being sought. Could that be you? Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet connection
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks

Key elements of the job:

- Responsibility for security at events, site and event safety, and lost property

You'll find more detailed information about this role in the Officer Job Descriptions Document at <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/resources#officer>

Please send your applications by 16 September 2024 to [constable@lochac.sca.org](mailto:constable@lochac.sca.org)

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Are you inspired by the way the SCA supports families and children at our events and activities? Do you want to contribute to that effort, and help Stormhold increase involvement, safety and enjoyment for children and families?

Then consider becoming the group's next Youth Officer!

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks
- Be willing to get to grips with the mundane requirements for working with children in our local jurisdiction

You may not think that you are the right person for this job, but if your friends forward you a copy of this notice, pay attention to them! And if you know someone who you think would be good in the job, do them (and all of us) a favour - ask them to apply.

You'll find more detailed information about this role in the Officer Job Descriptions Document at <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/resources#officer>

Please send your applications by 16 September 2024 to [youth@lochac.sca.org](mailto:youth@lochac.sca.org)

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Do you know your clavicle from your clavichord? If you do, now is the time to add a white coat to your wardrobe and step up to be the next Chirurgeon, overseeing first aid for Stormhold.

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet connection
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks

You may not think that you are the right person for this job, but if your friends forward you a copy of this notice, pay attention to them! And if you know someone who you think would be good in the job, do them (and all of us) a favour - ask them to apply.

Key elements of the job:

- Management and development of rostered qualified first-aid support
- Monitoring the recording/reporting injuries and medical treatments, plus ensuring compliance with relevant mundane requirements
- Developing appropriate resources to support the first aid role

You'll find more detailed information about this role in the Officer Job Descriptions Document at <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/resources#officer>

Please send your applications by 16 September 2024 to [chirurgion@lochac.sca.org](mailto:chirurgion@lochac.sca.org), with a courtesy copy to [seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org).

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Are you keen on seeing fencing flourish in Stormhold? Then we need you to get to the point and apply for the position of Fencing Marshal.

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older AND have a current rapier marshal authorisation
- Have knowledge and understanding of the Society and Kingdom rules as they pertain to the various aspects of fencing martial activities
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet connection
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks

Key elements of the job:

- ensure fencing activities in Stormhold are compliant with the current rules
- ensure that testing of all equipment occurs according to schedule
- respond to fencing-related incidents with appropriate actions
- report as required

You'll find more detailed information about this role in the [Officer Job Descriptions Document](#).

Please send your applications by **16 September 2024** to [fencing@lochac.sca.org](mailto:fencing@lochac.sca.org), with a courtesy copy to [seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org).

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We will also need a new Heavy Combat marshal soon. See Sir Brennan for details. Courtesy copies of your application/s should go to [seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org). Do please include your membership number, mundane and SCA names, and any relevant experience, along with any important plans or great ideas you would seek to enact if successful in winning the role. If you would like to know more about the job, or to discuss how you see yourself taking it forward, I would love to hear from you!

Yours in Service,

Nicolette de Couleurs

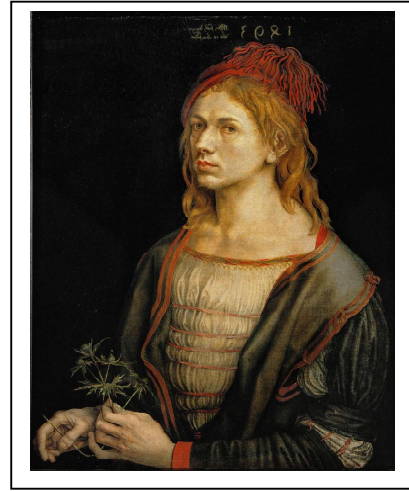
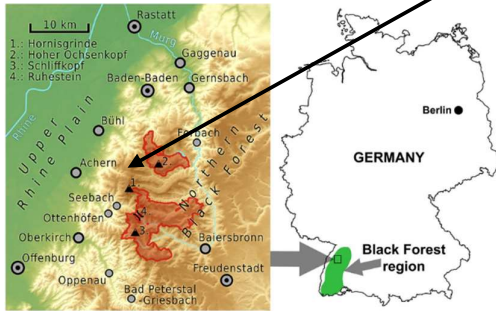
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# Anachronism Corner

Yes, we are the Society for Creative Anachronisms. Occasionally your Chronicler likes to set the record wrong about a few historical matters. This month's Anachronism is brought to you by:

## Schwarzwaldschokoladeskleinkuchen

In a remote corner of the Black Forest lies the tiny, all-but-forgotten county of Schwarzwaldschokoladeskleinkuchen (somewhere about here, we think)....



Pictured (by Dürer, who afterwards regretted having done so) is their best-loved ruler, Graf Johann Ludwig Christolph Willibald von Schwarzwaldschokoladeskleinkuchen, who successfully ruled for fifty years over his fragment of Germany without succumbing to any of the terrors which afflicted most of his noble cousins and relatives. He steered clear of wars, pestilence, internecine strife and annoying salesmen by rarely answering the front doorbell and pretending he wasn't at home. His grateful subjects, whom he taxed very lightly by the standards of the day, were duly appreciative. Early in his regime he decreed that the only monument he wanted was the construction of an enormous Bierkeller just outside the castle, open to all comers and serving weisswurst, sauerkraut, and (naturally) beer. The grand opening began in the late morning, and the subsequent celebrations became known thereafter as the *Nacht der Langenlöffel* (Night of the Long Spoons), although rumour has it that the celebrations did not end until the following Wednesday.

Johann was a gifted composer, and his masterwork is generally reckoned to be *Das Ring von Nibelungen*, an early opera scored for choir, soloists, harp, cowbells, alpenhorn and Swiss cheese. Its debut in the Bierkeller was an uproarious success: so much so that most of the scenery burnt down in the last act: a mischance caused by the overenthusiastic soprano performing the role of Brünhilde. His *Parzival* was less successful on its first night; owing to a malfunction in the mechanical swan, which motored off into the wings before the hapless hero could board it. The principal's anguished cry of *Wann geht der Nächste Schwan?* however restored the audience's good humour.

Late in life he was drawn into a war on the side of the French, which he instantly regretted when he discovered that his allies intended to annex part of his neighbouring territories. He extricated his army with considerable skill by changing all the signposts for ten miles around, and led his troops back home again without mishap. He died in 1598, aged ninety-seven, while watching a performance of his latest madrigals, and expired to the strains of *Warum Ist Mein Badezimmer Mit Luftballons Gefüllt?* (Why is my bathroom filled with balloons?) He is remembered to this day as the kindest and best of men.

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