

The Scarlet Letter

Shire of Loch Ruadh



September/October
(A.S. XLII) (CE 2007)

Officers

Seneschal

Lady Brighid Nic Seward
(Sarah Rozell)
1113 Lake Whitney Dr
Wylie, TX 75098
469-323-4269
seneschal@lochruadh.org

Hospitaler

Lady Aingeal Mac an Ghabhann
(Angelia Myers)
2604 Creekwood Ln
Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-295-5198
hospitaler@lochruadh.org

Archery Marshal

Lord Gruffydd Vawr ap Rhodri
(Don McKinnon)
1820 McCully Street
White Settlement, TX 76108
817-367-7727
archerymarshal@lochruadh.org

Chronicler

Floria Blackdragon
(Crystal Dozier)
5832 Lyle Street
Fort Worth, TX 76114
817-738-7720
chronicler@lochruadh.org

Minister of Arts & Sciences

Lord Terrance adte Syke
4116 South Carrier Pkwy
Ste. 280, PMB 702
Grand Prairie, TX 75052
moas@lochruadh.org

Knight Marshal

Lord Kazimierz Zlosciwy
(Dennis Polley)
8762 Gray Fox Court
Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-263-2969
knightmarshal@lochruadh.org

Exchequer

Lady Antonia Visconte
(Michelle Polley)
8762 Gray Fox Court
Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-263-2969
exchequer@lochruadh.org

Herald

Lord Robartach O'Sluaghain
(Robert Singleton)
817-538-2286
sluggy9912@swbell.net
herald@lochruadh.org

Virtual Scribe

Office Open
virtualscribe@lochruadh.org

Loch Ruadh Web Page:
<http://www.lochruadh.org>

Cover Art: "Wales" by Lynda-Jo Staton.

Subscription and Submission Information

The Scarlet Letter is a bi-monthly publication available free online at www.lochruadh.org. Printed copies will be available free of charge at populace meetings. Please let the Chronicler know if you want a printed copy so there will be enough available. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, you must pay for postage. Postage is 0.41 x number of issues left in the year.

Submissions must include a written statement (email is fine) stating that permission is granted to publish in electronic and print format the article, photograph, poem, artwork, etc.

This is the Sept/Oct issue of *The Scarlet Letter*, a publication of the Shire of Loch Ruadh of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.). *The Scarlet Letter* is available from Crystal Dozier, 5832 Lyle St, Ft. Worth, TX 76114. It is not a corporate publication of SCA, Inc. and does not delineate SCA, Inc. policies.

Copyright ©2007 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting photographs, articles, or artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.



"Wales" by Lynda-Jo Staton, "Speaking Forsoothly Part Six" by Padraig Ruad O'Maolagain (Sam Milligan), Newcomers are Nice... Once You Get to Know Them by Elise Fleming (Alys Katharine) - All Rights Reserved. All items used with permission from the original creator. All clip art images taken from www.hasslefreeclipart.com. Permission to use on Terms of Service page which can be found at: www.hasslefreeclipart.com/pages_terms.html

Herald

Seneschal

Greetings Loch Ruadh!!

I am very excited to be stepping into the position of Seneschal for our Shire. I look forward to working with everyone to continue making our Shire grow and prosper. Please join me in thanking the officers who just stepped down in July. They are Bice di Pietro- MoAS, Vivian McKinnon-Archery, Tegwared McAuley- Hospitaler, Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri - Herald, and Catrin ferch Rhys - Seneschal. They all did a very fine job serving the Shire and deserve all of our thanks. Also, please take a moment to welcome the new officers. They are Terrence adte Syke - MoAS, Robartach O'Sluaghain (aka...Sluggy) - Herald; Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri – Archery; and Aingeal Mac an Ghabhann – Hospitaler. Please give them your support in their ongoing efforts to serve the Shire. I would also like to thank the individuals who have volunteered to be my Deputies. They are Aingeal Mac an Ghabhann, Rolf Sewardson, Dana Mac an Ghabhann, and Padraig Ruad O'Maolagain. My thanks go out to each of you for your support now and in the future.

I think I have finally recovered from another successful Lughnasadh!! Our event was a success again this year thanks to the Autocrats, their Coordinators and to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts in the heat. A hearty VIVAT goes out to all, young and old, who contributed. Thank you all for your time, energy and willingness to work in the Texas heat!! VIVAT!!

One of the things I would like to focus on over the next two years is communication among the group. Our job as officers is to serve the Shire. To successfully do this we must know what the Populace thinks about how things are going. I challenge each of you to try and become more involved with the happenings in the Shire, and to voice your thoughts and ideas. Make that effort to go to something you don't normally attend. Come out to Populace and Officers meeting and voice your opinion on the issues discussed. Join your friends at Bardic, or Scribes and Illuminators, or any of our other workshops and learn something new. I look forward to seeing all of you out and about, and to being able to chat with you as well!

Yours In Service,
Brigid

Unto the exceptional Populace of the Shire of Loch Ruadh doth your kind and all-caring herald conduct these words: Yo!

Here we are, only a few short of weeks into my reign as your herald and we have already had a populace meeting, a couple of officers' meetings and Lughnasadh, which among other things included a court in the presence of our good friend, Baroness Ameline du Bois. As part of Their Majesties' business, Her Excellency presented a number of our populace with much deserved awards. There was a Sable Comet for Lord Terrence who could not be reached for comment because he was off working on something for the Shire. A Sable Thistle in Bone Carving was presented to Lord Caerell, though in a move thought wise, they did not present him with insignia by his own hand. There were Sable Cranes for both Aingeal and Padraig, tireless workers for the good of not only Shire and Kingdom, but of humanity as well.

There were rumors of another court held at Lughnasadh. I know that someone's lost regalia was replaced and Loch Ruadh's Seneschal had kind words for Lords Terrence and Kaz, who could not be reached for comment because they were off working on something for the Seneschal. Then again, there were vague mutterings about cactus-resistant leather breeches and chicken warding. As a Serious Herald (tm), I cannot comment on this rumors.

At this time, I have one submission in hand that is very nearly ready to go in. As always, we have the most amazing youth in our Shire and Weyland obviously put a lot of thought and research into his proposed name and device entries. If we can find bit of documentation for his chosen byname, I predict a once-through submission and subsequent registration!

Name and device submissions are fun to produce and thanks largely to following a long list of excellent heralds, I have many resources that make name research a cinch. Once the t's are dotted and eyes are crossed, each submission costs a mere \$9, 11% of which stays in our Shire's coffers. In following the traditions of my predecessor, I will be continuing his 2 for \$18 sale through the end of this month only... :)

Yours in Service,

Robartach O'Sluaghain

Exchequer

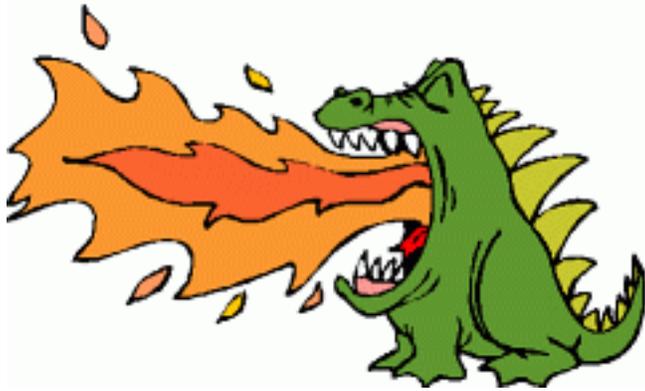
Greetings Loch Ruadh,

I want to thank everyone that helped at Lughnasad. I appreciate all those gentles that sat gate or helped others so they could serve their shift. All went smoothly and accurately.

I also want to thank all of the autocrats, for spending their budgets wisely. In many cases, budgets were slashed and items were donated, and the shire thanks you.

Your friendly neighborhood exchequer,

Antonia Visconti



Archery Marshal

At Lughnasad in Adult Archery - We had a bear pit archery shoot. There was head to head competition between two archers with the target set at 20 yards. The winner scored two points and the loser scored one point for participation. The bear pit lasted one and a half hours. Lord Martino Arciere was the winner with a total of 32 points. Ten archers participated.

In Children's Archery - The children participated in a dragon shoot. The dragon was placed 20 yards from the shooting line. Each hit on the dragon body was one point, a head hit was two points and a heart shot was three points. The hero dragon slayer was Wolfhart with 12 points. Thirteen children participated in the dragon slaying. We had five children archers who were participating in their first event. A special mention should be made for a four year old archer from Loch Ruadh, Mario Viscante. It was his first event shoot and scored two points on the dragon.

Lord Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri and Lady Katya were authorized as archery marshals.

A&S Minister

Unto the Shire of Loch Ruadh and all others Terrence ad te Syke does send greetings,

It is my desire that this missive finds each of you well now that things are both literally and figuratively cooling down after Lughnasad. Our Arts and Sciences competition had 17 entries, all of which drew a great deal of interest and attention. Our OOPS competition was won by our own Lord Sluggy (Robertach O'Sluaghain) for his "herring" shaped knife. The Adult A&S Judges Choice was awarded, again, to one our own, Lord Caerell MacDomnaill, who was given a large number of compliments for his bone. The populace award was given to Annika Der Grat for her body of work including inkle woven belts, kimiko braiding, and chainmaille jewelry. Our children's A&S Judges Choice was won by Wolfheart of Falconrose for his body of work of braiding, inkle weaving, and fletched arrows and the children's A&S populace award was given to Matthew of Falconrose. I feel we are quite lucky to have so many talented artisans both within and around our shire. Thank each of you for both your entries and for your support of the A&S effort.

I also want to say a special thank you to those that worked hard making the boxes and items that went into our prize baskets, awards, archery dragon, and so many of the other items that went into making Lughnasad a success. I know some, but not all of these include Lord Alric, Lord Kaz, Lord Caerell, Lady Aingeal, Lady Vivian, Lady Elizabeth, Lady Bice', Lord Wolfie and Lady Grainne, and of course my wife, Chantel.

As we move into September and October we have a number of events in the area with good A&S competitions and I encourage our members to participate. I also encourage our members to begin building a body of work now to enter in artisan competitions that will be coming up in the next several months.

Our next A&S related event on the calendar is the House Mac an Ghabhann cooler cooler cover workshop, now scheduled for August 25 at 10 AM at the home of Aingeal and Caerell. House Mac has also been kind enough to invite everyone to their Paint a banner workshop on September 8 at 10 AM, also at the home of Aingeal and Caerell. We also have a trip to work on the Gulf War gate on September 14-16.

In closing let me encourage our members to forward to me any A&S related activities they might be involved in so I will have plenty to brag about in our monthly report. I also wish to request if you have anything that A&S might be able to help with, or have a class or demo suggestion to please contact me.

Hospitaler

Knight Marshal

Greetings from the Knight Marshal,

This has been a busy time for the Shire. Lughnasad has come and gone, melee season will soon be upon us.

At Lughnasad, I stepped down as Fian Ruadh Commander. Lady Aingeal is the new Commander and we look forward to seeing what her many Kingdom contacts can bring in the way of fun for all of our Shire fighters. Please look for ways to support her in the coming year, whether it be fighting, waterbearing on the field or creating bribes, er...largesse, to further Fian Ruadh.

Because of the heat, the turnout for our Lughnasad Chivalric Tournament was light. We had seven Chivalric fighter compete for the prize. Lord Caedmon won the day. I want to publicly thank several people for assisting me with the tourney. Lord Squire Kristrodr Bjarnarson, from Stargate, stepped in with an excellent idea to replace the tourney format because of the low attendance. His suggestion saved the day, for me, and provided the fighters with more competition than they wanted that hot day. Lady Gwenfrewi ferch yr Albanwar, also of Stargate, served as my List Mistress and handled the format change with grace. The men who served as Marshals for the List also have my Thanks. They served the Shire well in making sure there were no injuries to either the fighters or spectators. The Marshals also ensured that the fighters drank fluids between rounds. Given the heat, I would say that, once again, the Lughnasad Chivalric Tourney was a success.

I would also like to announce that Lord Alric Morgannwg (mka George Boles) has offered to become my Deputy Knight Marshal and thus, allow the Shire to hold Fighter Practices when I am unavailable. Thank you, Lord Alric.

Fighters, as we head into melee season in preparation for War, please look for every opportunity to practice. In addition to our Shire practices, attend other local area practices. Look for tourneys closeby and travel with friends to compete. With the weather cooling, our chances for practice will increase. Use these opportunities to increase your skill and knowledge.

Until next time,
I remain yours in Service,
Kaz, Lord Sinister

Greetings Loch Ruadh,

Vivat to Lord Tegwared MacAuley for his work in this office.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Populace. My first task in this office was the Demo for NRCS Diversity Day 2007 Program at Lady Elizabeth's work. Vivat to all of those who helped out with the Demo either by showing up or providing items for display. I am starting a bimonthly newcomers meet and greet. Please attend and show are newcomers how much fun we have in the SCA. Please bring a dessert and whatever project you are working on. I have included an article about working with newcomers from the Society Chatelaine. Our group needs newcomers to prosper long term. If I can be of assistance to the Populace, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to serving this group.

In Service,
Lady Aingeal Mac an Ghabhann
Hospitaler



Chronicler

Greetings, Loch Ruadh!

I hope all of you enjoy this issue of the Scarlet Letter. If there are any topics you would like to see covered, please contact me at chronicler@lochruadh.org.

Submissions for the next issue will be due by October 20th.

In Service,
Floria Blackdragon

Lughnasad

Greetings from the Co-Autocrats of Lughnasad!

Another successful Lughnasad is behind us, and in spite of the fierce heat and humidity, a wonderful time was had by all.

Congratulations to our new Titled Bard, Bella Posey, who very nearly did not compete, but nonetheless earned her victory against a field of other very talented bards.

Our heartfelt thanks to Her Excellency Ameline duBois, the Bodacious and Beautiful Baroness of Elfsea, for once more holding Court for Their Stellar Majesties at our event. Our friends in Elfsea have long been an important factor in the yearly success of Lughnasad.

And on that note, our special thanks to Lady Genna Concetta Chiaramonte for presiding over our Rapier Tourney; without her presence as a warranted Rapier Marshal, we could not have offered a Rapier Tourney at Lughnasad.

As always, this was an effort that involved the entire Shire, and without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, we could not have succeeded.

Coordinators, in no particular order (except for listing Morning Coffee first – we couldn't have made it through the weekend without morning coffee. And I was told that Vivian was up early and made the coffee Sunday morning, for which we all thank her):

Morning Coffee – Dana; The Donnybrook – Rolf; Children's Bardic Competition – Antigonus and Elanor; Children's A&S Competition – Bice' and Terrence; Children's Archery – Vivian; Boffer and Youth Chivalric – Alric; Titled Bard Competition – Grimolfr; Bard Town – Grimvere; Archery Tournament – Vivian; Chivalric Tournament – Kaz; A&S Competition – Bice and Terrence; KAS Competition – Eoghan; Feast – Kat and Fiona; Troll – Antonia; Publicity and Invitations – Floria; Website – Caerell; Setup – Duckie; Teardown – Sluggy; Chirurgeon in Charge – Aingeal; Chief Waterbearer – Ceara; Site Tokens – Terrence; Baronial Liaisons - Catrin/Brighid; Baronial Luncheon Sideboard – Celleach; Court Herald – Sluggy; Site/Field Heralds – Gruffydd; Security – Rolf; Merchants – Sybil; Prize Reeve – Vivian; Ice Coordinator – Penny; Viking Pants Raffle – Grainne; Misty Forest – John; Dragon Making – Elizabeth.

Our great thanks to all of you – you made us, as Auto-crats, look good, as well as doing the Shire of Loch Ruadh

proud. You made everyone who braved the heat and made the trip despite the high price of gas feel welcome and part of the magic that is Lughnasad.

Thanks to those who showed up for setup, many with little to no sleep, and worked hard not only to get everything ready, but to sort out all the Shire pavilions, allowing Dana to mark everything properly so that not only will the property list be correct, but we will be able to pull the right bins and poles when we next need to retrieve one or more pavilions from storage.

Celleach's sideboard luncheon feast for our Baronial guests, which not only the Autocrats but many other folk got to sample, was simply incredible. The food was better than many a formal feast that I have had, and I count it as one of the high points for me of the entire weekend.

Our young people were amazing, doing everything from setup to Baronial guard duty to waterbearing to message running to feast serving to teardown, and much, much more. Their hard work, courtesy and chivalry was impressive, especially in two young ladies who were new to our group and event – Duckie's young lady, Jocelyn, and Melodie's friend, Emily, who both worked like they were getting paid for it.

Last but very certainly not least, thanks and praise to those who met at Aingeal and Caerell's Sunday afternoon to unload the trailers and put everything away in the storage shed. None of us really wanted to do anything more that hot afternoon, but I think we were all glad that we put forth the extra effort to get it done and not have the task facing us the following weekend. I know that Dana, in her role as Chamberlain, was very pleased to have everything back in its proper place and checked off.

In Service to Loch Ruadh,
Alric Morganwg
Padraig Ruad O'Maolagain
Co-Autocrats of Lughnasad



The SCA According to Padraig
Speaking Forsoothly
Part Six

Pádraig Ruad Ó Maolagáin

Hail, and well met!

Herein doth follow lessons 26 through 28, covering all manner of information concerning money, its designations and its spending. I have also included some rough equivalents to modern American money to aid in understanding how much things actually cost. Remember though, these are VERY rough estimates.

Lesson 26
Money – 1

(Note: As we have been dealing in Elizabethan/Shakespearean English, so too will our discussion of money reference English coinage.)

All coins, including pennies, are silver or gold. There is no copper money. Some older coins may be debased with copper or brass, but no one would mistake a shilling for a penny, as the difference is very obvious.

There is no paper money. You cannot, for example, have a 5-pound note.

The basic denominations are pounds, shillings, and pence:

12 pence make a shilling
20 shillings make a pound

In writing, the abbreviation for:

penny is d
shilling is s
pound is £

A penny is a coin. One of them is always a penny, not a pence. The term pence is used ONLY for amounts of more than one penny, and refers to worth.

If you have a pouchful of 1-penny coins, you have several pennies, which values several pence.

Two pennies (or a two-penny coin) are tuppence.
Three pennies are thruppence.
Six pennies (or a six-penny coin) are sixpence.

Amounts, as discussed in an earlier lesson, are expressed verbally as number of pounds with the stated word “pound(s)”, number of shillings (with no stated

word), number of pence (with no stated word).

Example: “2 pounds, 3 and 8”, for 2 pounds, 3 shilling and eight pence.

Written out, it would take the form number of pounds followed by the pound sign (£), number of shillings followed by the shilling sign (s), and number of pence, followed by the pence sign (d).

Example: “2£ 3s 8d”

However, as you will see in Lessons 27 and 28, there was no coin called the “pound” until very late in Period, and other designations were most often used.

Lesson 27
Money – 2
The Coins

Sovereign: a gold coin worth 1 pound (think of it as 20 shillings). There is no coin called the “pound” until after 1583, although that is the basic monetary unit.

Angel: one of the most common gold coins. The angel is worth 10 shillings (1/2 pound). Not usually used in speak of a number of coins; you would never say you owed somebody 6 angels, but you might give your servant an angel to spend at faire. To coerce someone, you might suggest that the sweet voice of an angel would convince him.

Crown: the most common large coin, worth 5 shillings, and could be either gold or silver. (The crown is roughly equal to a Venetian ducat, a Flemish gelder, or a French êcu, which is sometimes referred to as a French crown).

Half-a-crown: equal to 2 shillings 6 pence (sometimes expressed as “2 and 6”). Usually silver.

Shilling: a silver coin worth 12 pence. (Remember, 20 shillings make a pound).

Sixpence: a silver coin worth six pence. Pronounced as one word: “SIX-pence”

Groat: a silver coin worth 4 pence.

Thruppence: a silver coin worth 3 pence.

Tuppence: a silver coin worth 2 pence.

Penny: a silver coin worth a penny (one penny is never called a pence).

Ha'penny: a half-penny (not a ha'pence). Pronounced "HAY-peh-nee"

Farthing: a 1/4-penny.

You may know the old Christmas Carol, "Christmas is Coming":

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat
Please put a penny in the old man's hat
If you have no penny, a ha'penny will do
If you have no ha'penny, a farthing will do
If you have no farthing, then God bless you

Lesson 28

Money – 3 Spending

In Period, ordinary amounts of money are rarely referred to in terms of pounds, unless among the nobility or merchant class speaking in terms of taxes, trading voyages or the like, as a pound, originally an actual pound of gold, was a large sum.

Ordinary wages, earnings and expenditures would be in terms of crowns, shillings and pence. ("I sold that last shipment of French cloth for 7 crowns and 4 shillings at market.") A pound was a substantial amount of money, and many people's annual wages or earnings could be expressed in shillings and pence. When speaking of the value of an item, rather than substituting pounds for dollars, try using shillings, or even pennies, depending on the item. Ten pounds for a tunic would have been unthinkable, but 10 shillings, while expensive, would be much more reasonable for a Period cost. For items like food and drink, use pennies. Tuppence for a beer is about right, and a meal at a tavern might run sixpence. Some rough equivalents that may put things more in perspective:

Sovereign	-	50 dollars
Angel	-	25 dollars
Crown	-	10 dollars
Half-a-crown	-	5 dollars
Shilling	-	1 dollar
Sixpence	-	50 cents
Groat	-	about 35 cents
Thruppence	-	quarter
Tuppence	-	dime

Penny	-	nickle
Ha'penny	-	2-1/2 cents
Farthing	-	penny

Even this may be too low, so think in terms of 1950's prices; a first class stamp was 3 cents (about a ha'penny), a soda was a nickle (a penny), a hamburger a dime (tuppence), a loaf of bread a quarter (thruppence), etc.

Tips would reflect this as well. A household-type servant, a server at an inn or an hostler's apprentice would be extraordinarily well paid if he made 2 or 3 pounds per year. A generous tip might be tuppence or thruppence. This kind of tip was known as a vail.

NOTE: In trying to obtain information or a favor from someone besides a servant, use gifts instead of money. For servants, coin of the Realm is the preferred offering.

Shakespearian Words/Phrases to use:

Coil – trouble or strife.

"Belike we shall find him in the midst of the coil; 'tis there he seems most happy."

Fell – galled, angry, melancholy

"Ware the Duke this day; he lost at dice last e'en, and is in a fell mood."

Kickshaws – trifles, trivia

"Whilst waiting for Court to begin, we amused ourselves with various kickshaws."



NEWCOMERS ARE NICE...Once You Get to Know Them

Advice to Established Members

By Elise Fleming (Alys Katharine)

Having to talk with newcomers can be unnerving for some people, but we all share one thing in common – we were all, once upon a time, newcomers to the SCA. Somehow we survived the “newby” period to become the more “experienced” member. For many, orientation to the SCA was provided by a friend who was already a member, but nowadays more and more people are coming into the SCA by themselves. Therefore, many groups have an official host (chatelain/hospitaller) whose main function is to meet new people, answer questions, give out literature and steer the newcomer to the appropriate resources. However, an official chatelain should not exist so that no one else need bother with new people. The chatelain *supplements* each individual member’s efforts to greet new faces. How can you help welcome a new person?

First, *go up and say hello*. If you are not that “old” in the group, ask if the person is new. Sometimes it is a veteran member who is showing up after a long absence! Sound pleased, but not gushy, that the new person was interested enough to come. New people have a need to be noticed. Greeting someone is an easy way to provide simple recognition. Keep in mind that you are probably far more comfortable in the SCA than the new person is. The SCA is your bailiwick. You can afford to provide the recognition the newcomer needs to feel more secure in the strange environment and be glad he or she came. This is known as courtesy to strangers, and dukes as well as commoners practice it.

Introduce the new person to your friends and to those working on crafts. The new person may not remember who they are, but perhaps the members will speak with the newcomer later in the meeting or at future meetings. Being left alone and ignored is very hard on a new person!

Ask what the newcomer knows about the SCA. That gives a place to start a conversation and to fill in some gaps in knowledge. Ask why they came to the SCA and listen with courtesy. Inquire about modern-day hobbies and interests. It may help you identify what areas they might like to know more about. When you want to go back to your business, suggest that they might like to look around and then come back to talk with you before they leave. Check back with them before the end of the meeting if they haven’t come back to you.

Ask the person if you can explain what is going on. Too often, established members will say, “If you have any questions, just ask,” and then walk away. New people often do not know what they want to know, or they may not have a question that they think is worth asking. Instead, try something like, “Come with me while I...” and then explain what is going on. Experiment with:

- “May I explain...?”
- “Are you interested in...?”
- “What do you like to do?”
- “What are your interests/hobbies?”
- “Would you like to talk to someone about... (leatherworking, cooking, embroidery, fighting, armor, calligraphy, archery, costuming, music, brewing, etc.)?”
- “What can I explain?”
- “May I introduce you to someone who knows about...?”

Help the newcomer participate. If the group is participating in some activity such as dancing, do be sure that you invite the newcomer. Don’t wait for the dance leader to think of it. And don’t expect that most newcomers will ask a member to dance! Remember, too, ladies, that if there are not enough lords, you can ask a female newcomer to dance with you. Use the nice touches of courtesy such as “my lord”, “my lady” and polite gestures such as a slight bow or curtsy, especially if you are in garb. Being called “my lord” or “my lady” enhances the feeling of participation and offers a touch of confidence to the newcomer.

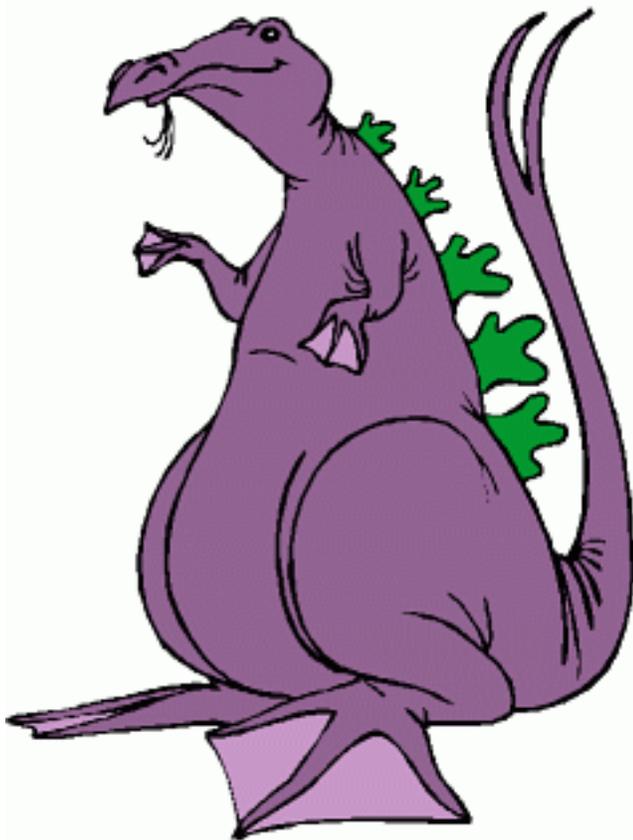
See that newcomer information is available. Arrange with the seneschal or chatelain/hospitaller to have newcomer material brought each week, such as a copy of the kingdom’s newcomer booklet, the SCA’s Forward into the Past, a copy of Tournaments Illuminated and/or your kingdom’s newsletter. You might also want to have a copy of Compleat Anachronist, instructions for making simple garb, a photo album, and so forth. Include a local group handout listing meeting place and times, especially for guilds or interest groups, a contact person and phone number or e-mail address. Give out a copy of the group’s newsletter. Bring an SCA membership form and an order form for items from the Stock Clerk.

Get the newcomer’s name and contact information. Ask them to sign a “guest book” so that you have a way to contact them if they come to several meetings and

then don't show up. Ask why they haven't been attending. Their reasons may be illuminating!

With all this, keep in mind that a newcomer may suffer from overload. There is so much to see and learn! There are too many people doing too many quality pieces of handcrafts and the newcomer may feel as if he or she can never measure up to the experienced member's level of skill. Having been told something once is no guarantee that the new person heard it or will remember it. That is why brief, informal newcomer meetings can be so important and why continued, personal contact from you, the established member, is so vital to their continued participation.

May you never lack for something to say to a new person and may your group never lack a steady supply of new people!



Loch Ruadh's Meeting Places

Archery & Fighter Practice

Park Road
Dutch Branch Park
Benbrook, TX 76126

Fian Ruadh Fighter Practice

Trinity Park
Trinity Park Drive
& W 7th St
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Officer's Meeting

IHOP
3700 Alta Mesa
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Populace Meeting

IHOP
5920 Quebec Street
Fort Worth, TX 76135

Lady Aingeal and Laird Caerell's

2604 Creekwood Lane
Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-294-8136

Lady Catrin and Lord Tegward's

1016 McKavett Dr
Burleson, TX 76028
817-295-5198

Lord Alric & Lady Fiona's

108 NE Rosamond Street
Burleson, TX 76028
817-426-4631

Lord Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri

820 McCully St
White Settlement, TX
76108
817-367-7277

Note: All Loch Ruadh meetings, practices, and gatherings are posted on the Loch Ruadh online calendar at www.lochruidh.org, and reminders are sent out on the the Loch Ruadh email list. The email list is maintained on the Kingdom of Ansteorra web server and can be accessed at www.ansteorra.org. Both of these contain address information with online map links for directions. If you don't have computer or email access, please contact the Seneschal or any other Officer for directions.

September

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 Populace Meeting Quebec St. IHOP 7:30 pm	6	7	8 House Mac Paint A Banner Aingeal & Caerell's 10:00 am
9 Fian Ruadh Fighter Practice Trinity Park 2:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Archery & Fighter Practice Dutch Branch Park 1:30 pm	17	18	19 Officer's Meeting Alta Mesa IHOP 7:30 pm	20	21	22 Bardic Elfsea Defender
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Brewing Guild Alric & Fiona's 1:00 pm
30 Fletchers and Bowyers Guild Tegward & Catrin's 1:30 pm						

October

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Populace Meeting Quebec St. IHOP 7:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Archery & Fighter Practice Dutch Branch Park 1:30 pm	8	9 Hospitaler Meet and Greet Aingeal & Caerell's 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Fian Ruadh Meet and Greet Aingeal & Caerell's Time TBA	13
14 Fian Ruadh Fighter Practice Trinity Park 2:00 pm	15	16	17 Officer's Meeting Alta Mesa IHOP 7:30 pm	18	19 Gulf War Gate Trip	20 Gulf War Gate Trip
21 Gulf War Gate Trip	22	23	24	25	26	27 Bardic Gruffydd's 7:30 pm
28	29	30	31 Halloween!			

Kingdom Calendar

September 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 31-2 Battle of the Pines XXIII - Graywood (Lufkin/
Nacogdoches, TX)
Gothic Wars XV (31st -3rd) Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
- 7-9 Laurel's Prize Tourney/Harvest Moon - Emerald Keep
(Waco, TX)
- 14-16 Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)
Triumphe II - Moonschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 21-23 Elfsea Defender XXVI - Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)
Shadowlands 3rd 10th Year Celebration - Shadowlands
(Bryan/College Station, TX)
- 28-30 Bryn Gwlad Baronial Event - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)

October 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 5-7 Crown Tournament - Graywood
(Lufkin/Nacogdoches, TX)
- 12-14 Namron Protectorate - Namron (Norman, OK)
Tourney by the Loch - Loch Solleir (Clear Lake, TX)
Quest for the Round Table - Tir Medoin
(Rockdale/Temple, TX)
- 19-21 Ursae-Lyons - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
Day in the Ottoman Empire - Trelac (San Angelo, TX)
Brad Leah Survivor - Brad Leah (Wichita Falls, TX)
- 26-28 Samhain Celebration - Eldern Hills (Lawton/Ft. Sills, OK)
Seawinds Defender - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)

November 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 2-4 Battle of Three Kings - Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)
- 9-11 Defenders of the Rose - TBA
Western Sentinel - Blacklake (Odessa/Midland, TX)
Fair of the Harvest - Chemin Noir
(Bartlesville/Tulsa, OK)
- 16-18 Autumn Melees - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
- 23-25

December 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 30-2 Stargate Yule - Stargate (Houston, TX)
Weisenfeuer Yule Revel - Wiesenfeuer
(Oklahoma City, OK)
Out of Kingdom: Known World Academy of the
Rapier - Northshield
- 7-9 Winter Kingdom - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
- 14-16 Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel and Eisteddfod -
Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)
- 21-23
- 28-30

For more information:
www.ansteorra.org or www.sca.org



Floria Blackdragon
(Crystal Dozier)
5832 Lyle St.
Fort Worth, TX 76114

