



# The Scarlet Letter

Shire of Loch Ruadh

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# Kingdom Calendar

## January

- 2-4 Central Regional 12th Night/Eisteddfodd - Elfsea (Arlington, TX)
- 9-11 Crown Tournament - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
- 16-18 King's Round Table - TBA
- 23-25 open
- 30-1 Quest for the Round Table - Tir Medoin (Rockdale/Temple, TX)

## February

- 6-8 Candlemas - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
- 13-15 Kingdom A&S - Stargate (Houston, TX)
- 20-22 Coastal Invasion/Seawinds 25th - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)
- 27-1 Spring Event - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)  
Unofficial Event - In the Company of Wolves VIII - House Wolfstar (OKC, OK)

## March

- 6-8 Open
- 13-15 Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XVIII (15-22) Gleann Abhann
- 20-22 Out of Kingdom: Gulf War XVIII (15-22) Gleann Abhann
- 27-29 Open

## April

- 3-5 A Day In... - Raven's Fort Huntsville, TX)  
Elfsesa Defender - Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)
- 10-12 Defenders of the Rose - Tir Medoin/Shadowlands (Temple/College Station, TX)  
Wiesenfeuer Baronial - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)
- 17-19 Stargate Baronial - Stargate (Houston, TX)  
Defender of the FLame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
- 24-26 Lysts at Castleton - Multigroup event (Austin, TX)  
Champions of Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)

## Subscription and Submission Information

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# Events in Loch Ruadh

## January

**Sun 4** - Fighter Practice Z Boaz Park 10 am

Archery Practice Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

**Mon 5** - Scribes & Illuminators 7 pm

HL Aingeal and Laird Caerell's

**Wed 7** - Populace Meeting

IHOP on Quebec 8 pm

**Tues 13** - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm

Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

**Sun 18** - Archery Practice

Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

**Wed 21** - Officer's Meeting 8 pm

IHOP on Alta Mesa

**Tues 27** - Fighter Practice 7 pm

Lord Padraig's

**Sat 24** - Shed Repair Day 10 am

HL Aingeal and Laird Caerell's

Bardic/I Survived the Holidays Party 8 pm

Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

**Tues 27** - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm

Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

**Sat 31** - Shed Repair Day II 10 am

HL Aingeal and Laird Caerell's

## February

**Sun 1** - Fighter Practice Z Boaz Park 10 am

Archery Practice Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

**Wed 4** - Populace Meeting

IHOP on Quebec 8 pm

**Tues 9** - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm

Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

**Wed 18** - Officer's Meeting 8 pm

IHOP on Alta Mesa

**Sun 15** - Archery Practice

Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

**Tues 23** - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm

Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

**Sat 21** - Bardic 8 pm

TBA

## Archery Practice

Park Road

Dutch Branch Park

Benbrook, TX 76126

## Fighter Practice

Z Boaz Park

S Z Boaz Park Rd

Benbrook, TX 76126

## Mistress Caterina Fregoso

4341 Meadowknoll

Fort Worth, TX 76123

817-423-4807

## Populace Meeting

IHOP - 5920 Quebec Street

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## Officer's Meeting

IHOP - 3700 Alta Mesa

Fort Worth, TX 76133

## Laird Caerell & HLady Aingeal's

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## Lord Padraig's

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**Note:** All Loch Ruadh meetings, practices, and gatherings are posted on the Loch Ruadh online calendar at [www.lochruadh.org](http://www.lochruadh.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](http://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.

## Seneschal

Greetings,

It is my hope that everyone has enjoyed Happy Holidays and that we are all looking toward the New Year with a renewed sense of hope and purpose. I would like to encourage everyone to look at your current involvement in the SCA and see where you might like to make changes in the coming year. Perhaps you might volunteer for something new that you haven't tried before. You might consider being a deputy to an office in which you are interested. There is always something new and interesting to do or try! I would like to encourage each of you to venture into something new this year!

In service,

Seneschal of Loch Ruadh,

Lady Brigid Nic Seward

## Archery

Greetings to all. Archery practice has been kind of slow this cycle. We have been averaging five to ten people each practice. Five if Rolf has fighter practice. Ten if he and his family comes to archery practice. There is plenty of room for everyone to attend. You do not need to be certified, good, or even have any equipment. Loch Ruadh has adult and childrens bows and arrows to lend. In minutes, I can have you pointed in the right direction.

History note: The word archer is an ancient Messopotanian word, which is derived from the shape of the bow when drawn. Arch is combined with the er which is the sound an archer makes when he can not find his arrows after missing the target.

Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri

Loch Ruadh Archery Marshall

## Chronicler

Greetings Loch Ruadh! I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Please let me know if there is anything that you would like to see added to the Scarlet Letter. Deadline for the next issue is February 20.

In Service,

Lady Floria Blackdragon

## Chamberlain

Greetings from the Chamberlain,

Happy New Year!! I hope your holidays were wonderful and filled with peace and joy. Wishing 2009 brings you health, wealth and happiness!!

The most important item for January will be the repairing our Shire storage space in Aingeal and Caerell's shed. Our first work day is scheduled for 10 AM on January 24<sup>th</sup>, a second workday is scheduled for 10 AM January 31<sup>st</sup> as a rain date or to finish up our repairs if needed. You do not need to be a carpenter or woodworker to help with this project. Equipment need to be removed from the shed and put back. Also while the repairs are being made some of us can use this time to clean the table tops, check items for repair and get our Gulf War equipment ready for transport.

The next bit of news is our library will celebrate 2009 by opening one night a month. Library Night will be held on the 1st Monday of the month. The hours will be 6:30 to around 10:30 PM or later if you want to drive me back to Benbrook. This is a chance for you to see just what is in our library, do some research or just sit and talk with the Scribes & Illuminators.

If the scheduled day is not good for you don't despair...you can contact me to arrange a time and date that is convenient for you. I'm available by telephone, email or a friendly home visit over coffee.

In service,  
Dana

### News Flash for those interested in Scribes & Illuminators

The new meeting date for 2009 is the first Monday of every month from 6:30 to around 10:30 PM or later if you want to drive me back to Benbrook. Scribes & Illuminators will be held in conjunction with our new open library night.

We hope you will join us. You do not need to be an artist to paint award charters. An ability to stay inside the lines is all that is necessary. A wealth of helpful information, both written and verbal, to help you get started is readily available. We have gouache paint, paint brushes and award charters available for your use.

You are invited and most welcome to attend if you just want to see what we do or wish to have some social interaction with other SCA members.

We usually have coffee, tea and various snacks available for sharing.

Chairs are in short supply, so if you can bring one it will be appreciated. If you have any questions please contact me.

In service,  
Loch Ruadh Scribes & Illuminators Guild Principal

Dana

HOUSEHOLD WOLFSTAR PRESENTS  
**COMPANY OF WOLVES**  
FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009

Melosa, Hazel, Purdie,  
Middle Eastern Dance, Drumming,  
Kath, Alan, Spear, & Bowstring (optional)

Site opens at 4pm on Friday  
and closes Noon on Saturday  
Site fee \$8 per person, Feast \$7.00

**DIRECTIONS**  
If traveling South on I-35  
Take I-35 South to E. Belcher Rd.  
Turn left and drive OB miles and  
arrive at Camp DuKane  
3309 E. Belcher Rd.  
OKC, Ok. 73161  
Site on the Right!

If traveling North on I-35  
Take I-35 North to  
E. Belcher Rd. Turn left and  
drive OB miles arrive at Camp DuKane  
Site on the Right!

MEMBERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
UNDERAGE DRINKING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

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