

Greetings unto the Folk of the Dragon,

You may be your well trained powers of observation detect that this months newsletter is a little bit less artistically complicated than it has been previously so it may be best to call it Norek Stumps ☺ but fear not we will be back to normal next month with a September issue that is bigger and better – we have the technology we can rebuild it!

From the Seneschal

Greetings all, I will try to be short but sweet this month. Firstly there are some vacant Offices in the Shire that may benefit from your skills, knowledge and experience, so if you feel the urge to get involved with the running of Shire Business please let me know. Most Offices will usually be happy to have somebody as a deputy as well if you want to test the waters first.

Shire Meetings – I encourage you all to attend the monthly Shire meetings as this is where we determine the best use of resources and plan out what we will be doing over the coming months. There are no restrictions on attending or participating to the full so jump in and get something happening. Please remember full SCA memberships are available for \$25 per year, which is a tiny amount, please consider supporting your group by taking out a membership which will gain you a number of members benefits and our gratitude.

Both the Shire and the nearby SCA groups have a number of events coming up and apart from getting our own stuff done we are looking at visiting some nearby events as a group complete with some sort of theme, so come along and join in it will be fun all round.

Among the events that are approaching are 2 Demos and the 2 Sausage Sizzles at the Rockingham Bunnings. We will be focusing on the Kwinana and the Baldivis Fairs this year and passing on the Rockingham Spring Fair. Help with the Demos and the Sausage Sizzles will as always be gratefully accepted.

Lastly the Shire has been gifted with some golden medallions with our own Norek etched upon the surface – these will be used as tokens to thanks those who have made an outstanding contribution to the Shire. So if you wish to nominate somebody please let me know who you think deserves recognition.

See you at an event or workshop
Peter D'Gaunt Noir

From the Arts & Sciences Minister

The banner project continues despite a couple of speed humps and a small detour ☺

Over the next few Shire Sewing Workshops and on the impromptu week day sessions we will be finishing the Kingdom banner and commencing the Constable, List Keeper, Hospitaller, Arts & Sciences, Herald and Marshals banners. These will be primarily

outdoor banners but will add a nice bit of colour to our indoor events as well as being useful for giving directions at events.

Norek Banners! We now have three Norek banners – Yay! and if anybody is inclined to produce more please do so, remember if you do not have a registered device and wish to display something at events paint up a Norek in your choice of colours and bring it along.

The Shire workshops have produced quite a few or the combination eric posts and banner pole holder thingies ☺ so there will be plenty of space to put your banners up. You will just need a 3m pole (25mm dowel works well) and a way to secure the banner to the pole, 8mm dowel cross bars are good and if you don't have the tools or just want advice come along to one of the Open House workshops and we can show you the finished product or help you make your own.

Upcoming competitions & Such

Royal Visit & Baronial Investiture Sat 29th

A table display of Arts & Science projects is being arranged for the Saturday afternoon before dancing for; works in progress, previous winners, and unentered pieces. Any and all A&S pieces are welcome along with a presentation card with a little description and your name.

Contact me for more details or the organiser, Baroness elect - Mistress Branwen.

November Crown

Viking Jewellery

Antiphones – Illuminated church music – including missals and graduals

Music Performance – Open – in SCA timeline

Cooks – Italian Breads – Sweet, Savoury, Unleavened

Twelfth Night

Cooks – Pick a Herb – Research paper

Cooking & Brewing

For those interested in these topics we will be hosting some informal brewing and cooking nights. To start with we will be looking at some standard kit brews like dark ale and Small (Weak) Honey Meads. If you are interested in putting down a brew you will need a half a day for the first stage and then about the same for bottling (start saving those stubbies now) please let me know as I have a couple of spare brewing containers.

We will also discuss “Cordials” or burnt wines like Strawberry or Apricot Brandy which were popular in period for “medicinal purposes”.

Calligraphy and Illumination Workshop

Greetings good folk of the dragon, with the Shire Championship looming a mere month and a handful of days away my thoughts have turned to some of the outstanding calligraphy projects we have discussed in the past.

The nature of at least one of these lends themselves as a valuable beginner's project merely requiring enthusiasm and basic skills, as a simple project they are also very forgiving. So on Saturday September 12th the rear room at the Langridge Outpost will be transformed into a calligraphy & illuminated workshop. We will be producing some Shire Scrolls with simple illumination and calligraphy.

You may obtain what you need from About Art, if there are any problems please discuss with me or the Arts & Sciences Minister Lady Genevieve before the workshop.

Generally you will need soft pencils, a ruler with a good edge, a soft clean eraser and a suitable A4 pad the special calligraphy ones are good value and are available in a nice parchment look (If costs are an issues consider clubbing together for the pad).

For Calligraphy add calligraphy nibs, pens (nib holders), permanent black ink. For Illumination add at least 3 good brushes colour (02), fine lines (000) and details (00), gauche paints in white, black, green, blue, red, yellow, and something for a mixing palette.

Look forward to seeing you there

In service to the Dream

Peter D'Gaunt Noir

Up Coming Events

August

2nd Tournament of the Fifty Wandi 10am - 5pm
Lady Genevieve (Fiona 0419966246)

22nd – 23rd Balingup Medieval Carnivale Balingup
SCA Demo Shire of Bosenberg

29th – 30th Anealan Baronial Investiture & Royal Visit

October

3rd Shire Championship Tourney Wandi 10am – 5pm
Robert of York (Geoff

31st Kwinana Fair Kwinana 9.30am – 4.30pm
Peter (0434461200)

November

7th Baldivis Fair Baldivis 9am – 4.30pm
Peter (0434461200)

7th – 8th Sausage Sizzle Rockingham 9am – 5pm
Lady Genevieve (Fiona 0419966246)

Regular Activities	AUG		SEP	
	Saturday 1 st	Saturday 15 th	Saturday 12 th	Saturday 26 th
SEWING GUILD 9.30 – 12.30 Fabric Warehouse, Goddard Street, Rockingham	Shire Banners			
ARMOURING 1.30 – 4.30 21 Langridge Cres, Orelia	Shire Tourney Gear			Shire Tourney Gear

If you wish to add anything SCA related to the Calendar please contact the Chronicler, deadline for newsletter copy is the Shire Meeting or by arrangement with the Chronicler.

Regnum

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Crown Prince and Princess of Lochac - To be decided at November Crown

The Shire of Dragons Bay



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Acting Marshal - Peter

If you are interested in volunteering to hold an office please contact the Seneschal to discuss. If you wish to be a deputy please contact the current Office holder and discuss with them.

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