



NOREK'S TAILS

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MAY edition

Shire of Dragons Bay

GARB: HOW TO WEAR IT LIKE YOU LIVE IT



M'lord Ansgar and m'lady Chantelle gorgeously garbed for a Demo

Greetings do I send to the populace;

Huzzah Huzzah for now we are officially recognised as a Shire in our own right! I humbly hope you all enjoy this bumper edition of Norek's Tails as we have been incredibly active since the last edition. Come one, come all and get along to events, they are awesome in every way.

Catherine of Shirwode

CHRONICLER SHIRE OF DRAGONS BAY





SENESCHAL'S REPORT

Greetings and Salutations do I the Seneschal send to all the good folk of Dragons Bay.

Wow we have had a few months of being exceedingly busy and we have a few more months of being just as busy coming up.

I would like to start off by saying a big Thank You to all who have participated in anything the Shire has done over the last few months. Well done to all.



Let the Bells ring out

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Please welcome

The Shire of Dragons Bay!!



During this time we received the wonderful news that we have made Full Status as a Shire.

Huzzah to The Shire of Dragons Bay!

Well done to Sir Peter and Lady Genevieve for all their hard work in setting up our great shire and keeping it going from strength to strength until now. It was a great honour to be at the Royal Feast and receive the news from the King and Queen.

We have had quite a few new members join us in the last few months so welcome aboard and get stuck into to helping make our group a great one. One of our newest members has stepped right up and taken on the office of constable, so well done and welcome aboard to Milord Ragnar (Phil Black).

We have had a number of Demo's over the last couple of months and these have been well attended by the populace of the Shire.

The Blues Alive Demo went very well with a great turn out from the shire and 4 fighters to entertain the masses so thank you to all who helped out on the day and for packing and unpacking of the trailer.

Autumn gathering was a great success with Sir Peter doing a fantastic job of organizing and for all those from Dragons Bay who took part in any of the activities and helped to make this a great weekend I say Huzzah and thank you. We prove to all that Dragons Bay are a group of very helpful and talented people who will pitch in and do all manner of jobs and do them well.

We had quite a few Combat Archers authorised at Autumn Gathering and one of those was our own Champion of the Bow Lord Raynald so well done to all those who were authorized but especially to Lord Raynald (No !!! I am not biased at all).

And speaking of Lord Raynald, who has been exceedingly busy over the last few months, last weekend he also authorized as a Heavy Fighter. Huzzah and well done, and as Sir Peter put it he does believe this is our first Shire trained fighter so well done to all who have helped in making this happen, Lord Robert thank you for being the fighter that Raynald authorized with.

We even have a new cover girl, Thank you to Catherine of Shirwode for attending the demo at Aqua Jetty and letting the photographer take her picture while she was making braid on the Inkle Loom.

Our Demo at Cosmic Comics was a great day for the Shire we had so many people interested who put their name on the sheet to be contacted so hopefully we will acquire some more new members from this, we have already got 1 new member from the demo so that is excellent.

Coming up in a few weeks we have Pencampwr which hopefully will be lots of fun and not too wet, if there is anyone who still has not booked and wants to come then all the info is on the website so go on and have a look as to how to book.

Following Pencampwr we have the Day of the Lion, which this year is going to be a War held at Wandi towards the end of July or early August, More information to come.

And of course we cannot forget that coming up at the beginning of next year is 12th night, there will be lots of things to do for this and if anyone is interested in offering their help then please let Lady Genevieve know.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, so please come along and have your say about what you would like to do or what you would like the shire to do, if you cannot come along then send me an email outlining what it is you would like to do.

Please feel free to send me an email about anything you would like to discuss doing and I will take it along to the next meeting and put it to the group.



I leave this now wishing everyone a happy and healthy month.

Yours In Service

Lady Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford
Seneschal of The Shire of Dragons Bay.





HERALDIC NEWS



Congratulations to:

Lady Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford: Award of Arms

Lord Raynald Greygoose: Award of Arms

Registered Names:

Raynald Greygoose

Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford

Robert Laffan of York

Osrice of Lindesfarne

Symonne du Foy

Catherine of Shirwode

Registered Devices:

Catherine of Shirwode



Now Dragon Named, Norek cloaked
Seeking battle, shields painted proud
Riding sea steeds, on a red flood
Hold against the weather of weapons, they will
Home to family, held mind worthy by men
Or feeders of eagles, flame farewelled

Styled on Norse poetry of the 10th Century

By Sir Peter D'Gaunt Noir

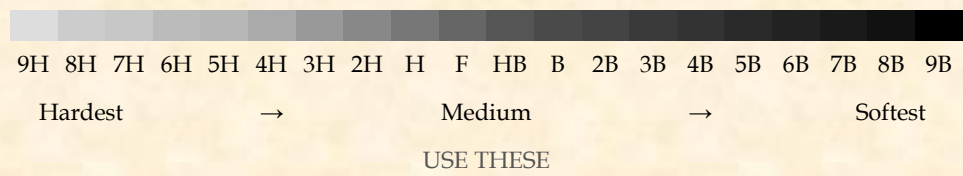


FROM THE SCRIPTORIUM

While I will not go into the history of pencils our old friend Wikipedia has a reasonable article outlining a bit of the history of this enduring and reliable stick, just bear in mind the casual nature of this source.

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pencil>)

So pencils usually range from hardest to softest as follows:



Another common method uses numbers to designate the grade of a pencil, the following table shows approximate equivalences between the different systems:

Tone	U.S.	World
	#1	B
	#2	HB
	#2½ *	F
	#3	H
	#4	2H

Although this system is widely accepted, not all manufacturers follow it.

So what does all this mean to you?

Soft and Hard pencils are not much good for what we do as very soft and very hard leads are both difficult to erase so look for a HB pencil, you may even want to consider using a mechanical pencil but stay in the Mediums.



M'lady Symonne overcoming calligraphy issues with left-handedness by working upside down; thanks to the problem solving skills of the Baroness

Remember to pick up a good soft eraser and make sure it works with the pencils you will be using - a white eraser is good for removing pencil lines.

When marking up paper a short dash is relatively easy to remove while a dot which presses the graphite deep into the paper will likely stay there despite your best efforts to remove it. So remember "Dash not Dot".

For the same reasons do not press down hard when marking out designs, use a light pressure and rubbing out will be easier.

Tip for the Month:

Before you start work clean rulers by running them back and forth through a piece of folded white paper.

A Primer On The Selection And Care Of Illumination Brushes

Whatever brush you use will be dependant on your own inclination and of course budget, but please avoid the cheap packets as you will only get what you pay for and brushes slowly falling apart as you paint leaving hairs in the work sucketh like a toothless Shakespearian crone.

Artist's brushes that are marked as suitable for water colour or acrylics will probably be best; you will find the good ones are in most instances are sable and they can be expensive. However quality nylon brushes are nearly as good and not nearly so demanding of a scribes purse.

What ever you buy you must take care of them otherwise you will be visiting the art store a lot, clean them as soon as you are done using them, and Mistress Branwen recommends cleaning them every so often during the work as well.

Storing brushes is a pain and you will find some scribes recommend having a rack to hang them point down when drying to keep water from collecting in the ferrule. Alternatively it is suggested that you dry them by laying them on their sides. What ever you choose make sure they are not stored brush end down.

If the business end of the brush becomes bent or distorted you can re-shape them by dipping them in gum Arabic solution, then shape the tip with your fingers and allow it to dry. Apparently when you wet the brush, the gum Arabic will dissolve leaving you with a nicely shaped tip.





A Beginner's Work Area

You need good light in front of you so you are not working in your own shadow. You will also need somewhere to put all the bibs and bobs required to create your very own work of art. So a table or study desk in front of the window may be a good place to start, failing that a good downwards facing lamp is good, one of those natural light jobs even better.

Brushes and drawing pencils can be stored in cups and mugs and as for erasers, rulers and such I suggest out of sight will mean they do not get so readily appropriate for homework, odds jobs and telephone messages.

For inks, cleaning water and other spill risks a shallow plastic storage container may be worthwhile for them to sit in during use.

Make sure you have elbow room and a comfortable seat that encourages good posture, if you can get hold of a flat board around A2 size which can be propped up on a thick book like a telephone directory all the better. It will need to be smooth and sturdy enough so that it doesn't bend during use, covering it in several layers of drawing paper may help. I have also found that the clips to hold table cloths on work well on holding paper in place.

If you do not have a dedicated and securable craft room it also needs to be safe from inquisitive paws or little fingers and not subject to the depositing of partners keys, glasses and wallets, perhaps a soft cloth to drape over the work area when you are not in residence may be one option but it does not work well on cats, especially if it is right next to a window.



If the work area is not isolated then always make sure you have somewhere safe for your work to dry naturally.

In Service to the Dream

Sir Peter



Rockingham Blues Demo: An Adventure into Mundane Lands by Dragonfolk.

The heavens smiled once again on our blessed Shire lands. Resplendent were the fighters in their gleaming armour and gallant mannerisms as visitors from mundane lands payed homage to their prowess.

Gladly did the Shire folk share their knowledge and skills, awed were the spectators and quiver with fear did the potential invaders of our fair territory.



Lord Duncan and Lord Robert display the Shire's strength under the watchful eye of the marshal Lady Genevieve

Although surrounded by strange machines and inhabitants from the kingdoms of Boardies and the Empire of the Sunburn; cowered we were not and the hand of friendship extended to one and all, regardless of the strangeness of garb and the oddities of speech.



We sampled the local cuisine, *Butt'rd Cobbe o' Corne* and *Hotte Chippes* and bravely quaffed goblets of *Sweete Fizz* and hot cups of *Bitter Mudde* with brave faces as not to offend the local customs.

Lady Petronilla shows how to wear an awesome Norek surcoat



M'ladies Anthea, Chantelle and m'lord Angsar reinforce the fact that shirefolk are really, really good looking



Sir Andre and Lord Hadrian gladly scare the be-zeebers out of onlookers and have travelled far to do so in support of the Shire

With the support of brave fighters from other lands and a display of armoured skills we showed one and all that we are a peaceful Shire but more than capable of defending our own lands.

Huzzah to the Shire of Dragons Bay!

Huzzah to the visiting Fighters!

Huzzah for fabulous frocks!

Huzzah for Demos!



Lord Duncan and m'lord Vlad relax after the festivities

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COMING EVENTS

Pencampwr

3rd June—6th June

This is a fun filled camping event that I encourage all of you to come along to; even if you are only day-tripping. Last year much merriment was had in the Dragon's Bay campsite and beyond. Archery, fighting, wars, arts and science, food, fun new friends and old.

From the Abertridwr Website:

'This is Abertridwr's flagship event each year and we invite one and all from around OUR beloved Kingdom and beyond to come join us in a weekend of fighting, war, camping, feasting, drinking, eating, Arts and Sciences, good companionship and fun and COURT.

Their Majesties have graciously advised that they will be attending.'

A web site for Pencampwr is at

<https://sites.google.com/site/pencampwrxlvi/home>

Booking cost (members):\$60.00

Non members \$65.00

Cheques payable to: SCA Abertridwr

Bookings are required

Booking deadline: 28/5/2011

The booking form is published at [Pencampwr 2011 Booking Form](#)

Contact the Steward [Viscountess Rhianwen](#)

Feast & Tournament of Norstead

Come along to the Inaugural event of the
Incipient Canton of Dark Wood Valley

Saturday 25th June 2011

Round Robin Tournament

to be held on the Village Green, South West Hwy Balingup

List open 12:30pm Tourney 1:30pm

Cost included with Feast booking.

Tourney only - Members \$5. Non Members \$7. U18 Free.

Followed by a Norse inspired Feast

6 pm at the Balingup Town Hall - Jayes Rd Balingup

Enter the Best 'new' Viking Garb and

Open Arts & Sciences competitions.

Bards Welcome

Cost: Members \$30. Non Members \$35.

U18 Members \$20. U18 Non Members \$25. Under 6 Free.

Steward: Bella Dona de Poisson

Bookings: Alazais of Chainbridge 08 9731 6007

or email alazais@hotmail.com





Currently we are without an Arts & Sciences Officer, if you are interested in this office please contact the Seneschal milady Petronilla (See regnum).

Open Arts & Sciences Workshops

Scheduled fortnightly

Location: The Bower Waikiki

Come join us in a night of information and production. A wonderful evening of discussions on Sewing Techniques, Armouring, Calligraphy/Illumination, Woodwork, Leatherwork or perhaps consulting about Names & Heraldry.

Further information can be obtain by contacting Sir Peter Du Gaunt

Cooks & Brewers Guild

Held monthly at various households in the Shire.

A meeting of the fledgling Shire Cooks Guild, where you can bring along a medieval dish to be sampled by the cooks present and contributing to your guild ranking. We also taste and consider any brewing projects and failing either of these please come along and throw something on the BBQ and join in.

Please discuss with Lady Genevieve or milady Petronilla

Dancing Practice

We are currently negotiating about a venue, and we hope to be running dance practice every Tuesday shared between Rockingham and Kwinana on a fortnightly basis.

If you are at all interested in medieval dance please contact Lady Genevieve.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Local Activities	JUNE		JULY	
ARMOURING & A&S	TBA Check Yahoo Group List	TBA Check Yahoo Group List	TBA Check Yahoo Group List	TBA Check Yahoo Group List
CALLUMINA- TION	Friday 10 th THE BELROSE		Friday 8 th THE BEL- ROSE	
SHIRE MEETING	Monday 20st 6:30 pm TBA		Monday 18th 6:30 pm TBA	
FIGHTER TRAIN- ING	Sunday 12th 10am VILLAGE GREEN	Sunday 26th 10am VILLAGE GREEN	Sunday 10th 10 am VILLAGE GREEN	Sunday 24th 10 am VILLAGE GREEN
ARCHERY	Sunday 19th 9:30 am WANDI		Sunday 3rd 9:30 am WANDI	Sunday 17th 9:30 am WANDI
COOKS & BREW- ERS BBQ	Saturday 18th TBA		Saturday 16th TBA	
SPECIAL EVENTS	3rd-6th Pencampwr	25 th Feast of Nor- stead		15



POETRY by the POPULACE



Now even though we are Dragon in name
Perhaps Norek at heart
Cloaked in the mystery of nature.

The meaning of the fierce and all knowledgeable Norek is yet simple.

Friendship, fun, kindness and love,
All are mighty weapons worthy of any man or woman
Who rides the sea steeds, land steeds
Who chooses to do battle the demons with Shields
Blazed in the glorious colours of the Norek or their own glorious fields.

The spirit of the Norek lives deep in the hearts
and heads of our wonderful Norekins
and the wild and spirited lands of Dragons Bay.

An inspiration and tool
To which we can grow and spread
The glory of his name and spirit of his nature
and the wondrous gentles that he surrounds.



Author: Lady Genevieve du Montfleur
Based Loosely on Norse 10th Century



My love he wears the whitest rose
My father wears the red
My love fights with the enemy
Forbidden are we to wed.



Torn from my arms the whitest rose
To war my love doeth tread
The men they fight honour bound
For crowns atop their head.

Care not which king the whitest rose
Care not which king the red
Care only for my love and life
Care only that we wed.

Oh father can you hear the sound?
The trumpets sound the call
Run to the battlefields and gore
The war to rule us all.

My love he wore the whitest rose
Now lying cold and dead
No more is he our enemy
His blood has stained it red.

Author: Catherine of Shirwode

Based on events of the War of the Roses



FEATURED DRAGONFOLK

Lady Petronilla Fairwif of Horsford



Lady Petronilla as you all know is our seneschal, but apart from that she is also renown for her feastocrat skills, having overseen the tasty morsels of Autumn Gathering and last years Feast of the Dragon and Yule Feast.

Lady Petronilla also serves up fantastic delicacies at Cooks and Brewers events.

Also excelling in sewing, she opens up her sewing room for workshops and is currently making a whole lot of really fantastic braid with inkle loom techniques learnt at Autumn Gathering.



Also an avid archer, Lady Petronilla plans to authorise for combat archery and also takes on marshalling responsibilities.



Lady Petronilla was given her Award of Arms at the royal visit in March this year, greatly deserved!





Ragnar Thorrenson

Affectionately called Ragnar the Resourceful as he is willing and able to make anything out of, well anything! Always willing to give things a go,

Ragnar has stepped up to act as Constable and also has a interest in Heraldry. Everything and anything viking is the go for Ragnar, and he sews garb in the viking style.

Although not yet ready for heavy combat, Ragnar is participating in armour making for others and is joining the ever growing archery contingent.



Ragnar will forever be remembered for his Anzac runes at Autumn Gathering giving us all a focus for this solemn occasion. Ragnar has embraced all things Dragons Bay and is a valuable new Norekian.

AWESOME AUTUMN GATHERING

Awesome, enough said. For the benefit of you, dear reader, I will give an overview of an amazing event, of which will not do it justice and will be a poor representation of all that occurred.

Archery came into it's own at Autumn Gathering. There was an IKAC shoot, 3D target shooting and combat archery. There was archery a-plenty for any who wished to give it a go, and once again the generosity of SCA folk ensured no one was left wanting.

Our newest member Uffa of Edda shot amazingly and took the honours for both the IKAC and the Hunt. Huzzah! There was much talk of bows and arrows and much anticipation for the.....

WAR! Amidst cries of 'Argh' and 'Brains' did our valiant fighters and archers take on the evil zombies. Combat archery was the star of the show with new authorisations including our own Champion of the Bow Lord Raynald Greygoose. Huzzah! As a spectator this site lived up to expectations as fighters and archers were in full view, weaving and ducking between the trees and dying with the expected style.

Food, glorious food! Thanks to the feastocrat and many willing helpers, there was a bounty of breakfasts and a famine-less feast, as well as impromptu pot-luck around the fire meals and drinks.

The colleges again provided much entertainment with singing and dancing and many, many verses of 'Drunken Sailor' for the amusement of all.

The tournament allowed for the heavy fighters to showcase their skills with m'lord Konrad taking out the honours and m'lady Versa reminding all of us that valour and bravery are very important qualities in a heavy combatant.

An ANZAC service was undertaken at 'dawn' amongst the mist, with runes provided by Ragnar and the last post provided by I of the Pod.

Workshops provided opportunities to learn new arts and science activities and the generosity of those who came down especially to run workshops is a credit to our great society. Thank you all.

The workshop highlight for me was inkle looming, thanks to the patience of Viscountess Rhianwen who provided equipment for us to use and to loan to practice our newly learnt skills.

This event provided something for everyone, with enough to keep everyone busy and entertained, or relax and take in the scenery.

There was much rejoicing and much celebration, many of us were less than keen to return to our mundane lives which is a reflection of the quality of the gathering experience.

Huzzah to the Autocrat Sir Peter and to all those who helped in roles large or small, and to all of you who came along for the fun and festivities.

Yay the Populace!

Yay to the neighbouring populace!

Catherine of Shirwode



M'lady Bronwen celebrates her birthday in style

AUTUMN GATHERING: LESSONS LEARNT



When you run out of arrows
the correct phrase is 'oh crap!'

A fabulous surcoat is essential
for arrow inspection



Headwear makes an
outfit





Sometimes violence really is the answer and scale-mail rocks!



Having your device flying is way cool

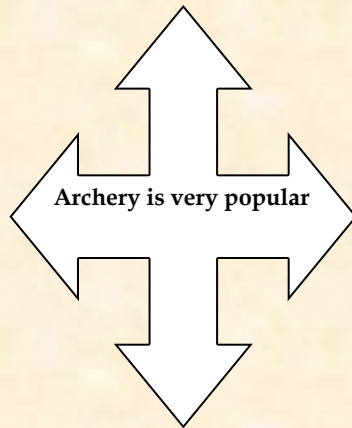


No matter how much stuff I have I always have room for more fabric and braid



Learning new Arts and Sciences activities means I may need to give up work in order to have time to do everything







Consorts really, really like their partners in armour

Helping at a feast can be quite pleasant with the right company



Watching the war is fun, if they would just get on with it





Dawn services don't have to be at dawn,
but fog is fairly essential



All things should be done with
flair and flourish

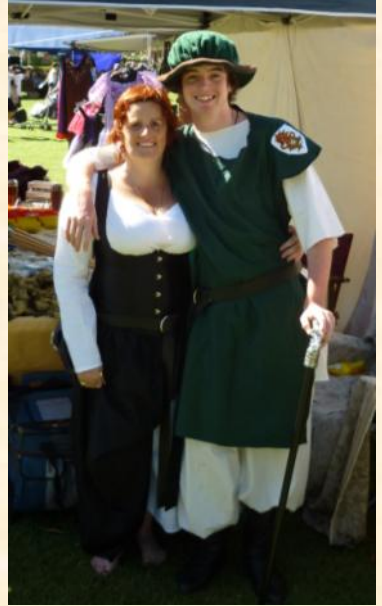
Having welcoming folk at the sign in
table sets the tone of the event



POPULACE AT WAMA FAIR



Lord Raynald making arrows



M'lady Morgance and m'lord Adair
enjoy a mother and son moment



M'lady Symonne and m'lady
Catherine play happy families



Lady Petronilla sets up shop

DEMO AT WAMA FAIR: SLEEPING ON THE JOB



Wake up sleepy!

Fighters these days, any excuse for a nap



Zzzzzzzz



Zzzzzzzzz..

Zzz...yawn..
hmmph..zzz

Zzzzzzzzzz





SHIRE SPEAKS

VENUE STILL SOUGHT

If anybody knows of an inexpensive meeting place please let me know, as I am looking into the viability of the Shire holding meetings and such in a hall or meeting room again. Ideally it has to be central, available, have plenty of parking be easy to find and inexpensive.

The pluses are; that a public venue can be less intimidating for a new person to come along too for the first time, and available space is more generally useable for a variety of activities e.g. meetings, dancing, sewing etc...

The possible down side is the meeting needs to be well support by the group otherwise it can become a financial burden and a waste of time and resources, so when calculating divide the cost by the number of people likely to turn up.

Nothing definite yet but it pays to think and plan ahead

For further details and information please contact Seneschal.



SHIRE MEETING

The meetings are fun and as long as we can get through any required business by 9.30 it doesn't have to be tedious or serious, so I encourage everybody who can make it to turn up to these meetings so that your voice can be heard and Dragons Bay remains a group that caters to the needs of everybody involved.

These meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month, to decide on issues such as group finances a quorum of the Seneschal or Reeve plus 2 other officers is required.

Anyway that's about it for now so until next we meet may good fortune be yours to share and may you and yours be happy and healthy.



BOOKS FOR SALE:

The Known World Handbook

-Covers close to everything you need to know about the SCA.. \$35

Costuming to a T

-Basic garb construction; perfect for beginners or the sewing-challenged \$5

Contact the Seneschal

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Demo at the Comic Shop



Lord Robert and Lord Raynald prepare to put on a show for the crowd

The comic crowd loved the fighting display
Huzzah!!



Lady Petronilla couldn't stop beaming with pride and Lord Raynald was beaming with joy after the fighting display



Would you buy a hotdog from these people?





King & Queen of Lochac:

Their Majesties GABRIEL and CONSTANZIA
royal@sca.org.au

THE SHIRE OF DRAGONS BAY

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Web Minister - Sarah of the Hills (Sarah)



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Canton of Aachenfeld (North of Swan River)

Seneschal: Lachlahn Ioseph of Dunbar

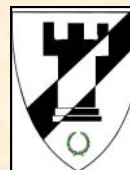
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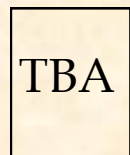
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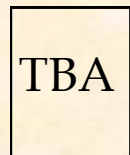
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Incipient Canton of Dark Wood Valley

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Kids – print off and colour in your own Norek, choccie frogs will be awarded at the Cooks & Brewers BBQ.