



# THE GALE WINDS



THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SHIRE OF ALTENBERG

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## UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- After April 1st - Don't forget to Re-Enroll in Kroger Rewards!
- April 7th—Garage Sale Pricing Party
- April 8-9—Shire Garage Sale
- April 25—Monthly Business Meeting

## MUSINGS OF THE MAGIC BOX

Webminister / Chronicler —Lady Celestria de Cranham (Carol Girard)

Greetings! Not too much to report this month in the world of Shire Communication. I did several updates to the website this past weekend. Did you know that if you click on the "Last Updated" date at the bottom of any page, it will take you to a page that has a running list of all the updates made? That's a great way to see what changed, and if I actually completed the changes you requested that I make! If there's ever anything you want to add or change on the website, just email me!

As for the newsletter, you'll see that I got the officers listing updated with all the new information, and the updated position expiration dates. I'd love to have

officer updates to put in the newsletter. We'd also like to see your quarterly reports posted here as well. When you send them to your superiors, just copy me on them and I'll get them into the following month's edition.

Lastly— a brief word on things for inclusion in the newsletter and / or website. Pictures can be posted in the newsletter or website ONLY if I have a permission to publish form for ALL PARTIES in the picture. If there are people in the picture that I don't have a form for, if their faces are visible, they will have to be "blurred out". Additionally, we cannot publish anything copy written without the proper legal approvals.

## GREETINGS ALTENBERGERS! (WHO WANTS FRIES WITH THAT?)

Exchequer —Lady Faoiltigherna ni Bhroain (Becky Klein)

I want to thank everyone for their efforts at fundraising in this past year. The Shire coffers have never been healthier! A good portion of our funds come from the Kroger Community Rewards program, which has an annual re-enrollment requirement. You must re-enroll starting **April 1st**, to continue sending your points to the Shire of Altenberg. If you do not currently participate in the rewards program, now is a great time to sign up! It does not cost you anything, and a percentage of every dollar you spend at

Kroger goes to help the Shire!

To enroll (or to re-select the Shire as your beneficiary), go to:

**[krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)**

Any member who does not remember the email address they used can call 877-KRO-PLUS. They will remove any email address attached to the card and the customer can then go online to enroll again.

## [ THE SUNDAY OF THE 4 B'S.... ]

On Sunday, March 20th, Mike, Becky and Allison opened their home to the Shire for some merry making of the B variety. Mike brewed BEER, John held a BELT making class, we all participated in an impromptu BBQ and then proceeded to BET our chips in a Texas Hold'em tourney to raise money for the shire.

The brewing went smoothly as usual—and we cannot wait to taste it!

John's belt making class went very well. Everyone learned lots, and had fun playing with the dye and getting to actually participate in the creation of their very own ring belts. (Yes, if you missed it, there will be another class held very soon...).

As for the fundraiser—that was fun as always! Becky came in second and Jerry came in first. Both donated their winnings back to the shire, so we raised \$80!

Thanks to Mike, Becky & Allison for letting us invade for the day, to John for teaching the class and to everyone who participated in the fundraiser!



## [ BOTIS To-Do / ACTION ITEM LIST ]

Autocrats—Michelle & Chris Hogan

During the BOTIS Planning meetings held in February & March, a list was made of things that we need to do and want to do before BOTIS. Some are assigned to specific people as action items, and others are simply things we'd like to get accomplished! Anything not specifically assigned to a person will be worked on at working outings throughout the next several weeks.

- Siege Cookery:
  - COMPLETE—Need to acquire boxes for putting produce in.
  - Need to find grates for the siege cookery fire
- Pirate Ship:
  - Step needs to be wider - it's not quite wide enough for fighting
  - Rigging is tangled and needs to be fixed. (John will help Becky with this)
  - Replacing the cloth sides with Chipboard
- Website:
  - COMPLETE - Need verbiage / rules for Dogs.
  - COMPLETE—Need description of the “care & feeding of thrown weapons” class
  - Post pictures of Armada Fairgrounds
  - Scan & add information about the Ice Cream Lady
  - Get the pre-pay website up & running
- Create maps and get them laminated (Becky / Geryllyn)
- COMPLETE—Create arrow signage and get them laminated (Becky / Geryllyn)
- Make Moveable Rope Barriers (wish list) (Becky's idea)
- The lance and rings for the pony joust for Children's Pointe need some TLC
- Awnings - get a few made for the event
- Archery Targets - new targets created
- Send reminders to marshals asking them to provide a wish list for gifts / prizes



SHIRE OF ALTENBERG MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING	
FACILITATOR	Geralyn Turner (Lady Mariana de la Mar)
SCRIBE	Carol Girard (Lady Celestria de Cranham)
DATE	28 February 2011
TIME	7:30pm
LOCATION	Mt. Clemens Public Library

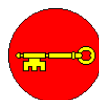
ATTENDEES					
OFFICERS		POPULACE			
Geralyn Turner	x	Allison Anderson		Russ Martin	x
Becky Klein	x	Courtney Bocci	x	Joe Nardi	
Bart Wright	x	Jerry Bocci	x	Kim Rewitzer	x
Nicole Hanna	x	Mike Foster		Matt Sarns	
Chris Hogan	x	John Girard		David Turner	
Carol Girard	x	Bill Hanna	x	Barb Wright	x
		Michelle Hogan	x		
GUESTS					

AGENDA	
SUBJECT	PRESENTER
Seneschal Report	Geralyn Turner
Exchequer Report	Becky Klein
Chatelaine Report	Bart Wright
Pursuivant Report	Bart Wright
MOAS Report	Nicole Hanna
Fighter Marshal Report	Chris Hogan
Chronicler Report	Carol Girard (Interim)
Web Minister Report	Carol Girard
Old Business	ALL
New Business	ALL

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
SENECHAL REPORT	Nothing new to report. Geraldyn needs to know when the background checks were done. Russ was summer of 2010, and Bart has a year left on his. They won't let Geraldyn get hers done quickly, as they are very backed up. We can have children's activities, but we are still working to get these done – as we will also need to get Chris get one as a youth boffer marshal at large.
EXCHEQUER REPORT	At the last BOTIS planning meeting – issued a check for \$95 for the next 2 pale ads which gives us a balance of 414.71. A check from Kroger for \$78.32 is on it's way and \$160 in pre-reg's has been turned in. We will need to be issuing a check to Feast-o-crat soon for food prep. Geraldyn would like a reimbursement for the Yard Sale Ad (she'll take it out of the proceeds) plus will need petty cash change for the weekend of the event.
CHATELAINE REPORT	Nothing new to report
PURSUIVANT REPORT	Russ & Bill got their AoAs. Seth was awarded the award of the baton. Bart was awarded the Order of the Dragon Barb for archery. Barb is researching her name.
MOAS REPORT	We need a new change of officer form for Nikki – it got lost somewhere after we sent it on. Bart has learned some new drumming songs. Courtney is working on making a pattern of a dress from a painting, and John has been making leather mugs. Bart made circlets for Russ for his AoA.
FIGHTER MARSHAL REPORT	Mike & Chris are still authorized for heavy fighters. 2 authorized boffer fighters (Seth, Jarred & Jonathon). We have 2 fencers (not authorized) and 2 more boffers (not authorized). We are hearing good reports from fighters that are planning on attending BOTIS.
CHRONICLER REPORT	There is a newsletter! Effective this month, we are now going to start publishing our newsletter electronically to the Shire. There will be a couple copies brought to each meeting for the purpose of giving hard copies to guests. Additionally, a copy of the newsletter was passed around and all officers either initialed or requested updates to their information – and the position expiration dates will be updated.
WEBMINISTER REPORT	I always have BOTIS stuff to update – I need to work with Nicole and get the online pre-reg site updated & set up.
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Vote on Chronicler – Unanimous vote to elect Carol Girard – position expires March 2013</p> <p>Yard Sale – April 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday &amp; Saturday). If you have stuff you want to get out of your house let us know. We will do a pricing party on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will start organizing moving parties. We're hoping John might be able to do the belt class that Saturday.</p> <p>BOTIS:</p> <p>Michelle gave out a bunch of invitations at Vals day Their Highnesses would like to be at the event, but she is extremely pregnant and will be crowned right after our event. She may not make it. Crown prince from Eldomere said he'd be at our event, but that we should come to his coronation on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Michelle has sample invitations to show (Kaitlyn &amp; Alexis have been hand painting them). There is a feast prep date on May 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at Mel's House (more info coming soon). Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm – Becky's house will be open to work on Shire stuff – Start with cleaning up the shire tables. Bring a dish to pass and whatever you grill.</p>

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)</b></p>	<p><b>BOTIS (Cont.)</b></p> <p>A&amp;S - Dance Class &amp; Juggling class confirmed. He is considering running a "ball" during the evening. Also, we have some "definite maybe" on a few other classes. There will be a bean count A&amp;S competition - we need prizes.</p> <p>Site Tokens - Barb is planning on doing a wooden circle spray painted white (or Barry wavy), stamp plus beads. We should make 200 and we can bring some extra from past events. We need to figure out feast tokens also.</p> <p>Troll - Nikki &amp; Carol need to get together to figure out the pre-pay site.</p> <p>Barb is a confirmed merchant - Beasties Baubles - hand woven chain-mail &amp; other unique stuff.</p> <p>Next BOTIS Planning meeting - 5:30pm - Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> - Bring \$\$ for pizza.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>Carol presented a badge that she, GERALYN and Becky came up with. It would be: Barry Wavy, argent &amp; azure, sinister an oak leaf sable. Everyone voted on it - unanimously. (It was a suggestion that we use it to create tabards for our boffer fighters for our events).</p> <p>Weekend of the yard sale - if you would like help with Garb, that would be a good time to do it. We can be rotating assistance with the yard sale, garb creation, etc.</p>

# [ SHIRE OFFICERS ]



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*Chronicler Position expires Mar 2013*  
*Webminister position expires Oct 2012*

# MIDREALM CALENDAR OF EVENTS—APRIL 2011

Note: The online version at [www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php](http://www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php) is the most up to date version...

## 2nd

- Feast of Fools and Spring Brawl {incipient Canton of Iron Oak} [New Lothrop, MI]
- Flaming Gryphon Baronial Investiture / Grand Tournament of the Unicorn {Marche of the Unicorn} [Oxford, OH]
- Spring 2011 RUM {Shire Greyhope} [Lake Station, IN]

## 8-9th

- Tenth Annual Quest for Golden Seamstress {Canton of Brackendelve } [Dearborn, MI]

## 9th

- Rites of Spring {Illiton} [Bartonville, IL]
- South Oaken Regional A and S Faire {Barony of the Flame} [Louisville, KY]

## 16th

- [CANCELLED!] Collegium Artum Vulgarum {Barony Of Donnershafen} [Gaylord, MI]
- Spring Coronation / Constellation Regional A and S Faire {The Barony of Rivenstar} [Lafayette, IN]

## 21st–24th

- Blackstone Raids {Barony of Blackstone Mountain (AEthelmearc)} [Ripley, WV]

## 23rd

- A Day at the Castle III {Incipient Canton of Northgate} [Canadian Lakes, MI]

## 29th – May 1st

- Brendokenfest & Rose Tourney {The Barony of Brendoken} [Tallmadge, OH]
- Mayhem in the Garden and Regional Fighter Practice {Aurea Ripae} [Philpot, KY]

## 30th

- Andelcrag Althing {Canton of Rimsholt} [Wyoming, MI]
- The Awakening: Armoured Easter Egg Hunt {Baile na Scolairi} [Bloomington, IL]

## 30th – May 1st

- TwinOaks Archery Revel 19 {Starleaf Gate } [Lakeshore, ON]

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# *Battle Of The Inland Seas XVII*

## **PIRATES RETURN**

**MAY 20-22, 2011**

### **Activities:**

A&S Classes  
Archery  
    Pentamere Challenge  
Heavy Weapons  
    (Tourneys, Boat Battle & More!)  
Thrown Weapons –  
    Pentamere Challenge  
Rapier  
    (Tourneys, Mystery Melee & More!)  
Youth Boffer & Rapier  
Pillory – Stone your friends  
Merchants  
Siege Cookery Contest (Pre-reg. Required)

### **Site Information:**

Adults: \$10, Children: 6-12yrs: \$5,  
    5yrs & under: Free  
Non-Member Surcharge \$5  
    Family Cap \$30  
    (Family Cap does not include camping,  
    surcharge or feast)  
Feast: \$10 Donation (Adults),  
    \$5 Donation (Children)  
Camping: \$5 Weekend per tent  
    (Free with PRE-REG!)  
Site is Dog and Horse friendly  
Lunch & Breakfast Available by  
    Armada Lion's Club

### ***Last Fighting Weekend Before Crown Tournament***

#### **New Site: Armada Fairgrounds:**

74280 Fair Street, Armada, Michigan 48005 (Use entrance off Main St)

#### **Directions:**

I-94 E (Toward Port Huron), 21 Mile Rd (Exit 241),  
Left on 21 Mile Rd, Right on North Ave. Right on Main St.  
FOLLOW Signs to entrance on Left just past Fair St

#### **Site Hours:**

May 20 at 5 pm site closes May 22 at noon  
Troll opens  
5:00 pm on Friday May 20  
9:00 am on Saturday May 21

#### **For more information on:**

Site, A & S, Merchants, Tournaments & Marshals In Charge  
Pre-registration forms for Siege Cookery, Site and Feast  
Please visit: <http://www.sca-altenberg.org/BOTISXVII.php>

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