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FROM THE BARON & BARONESS

Fond greetings to the members of the best Barony in the Known World!

Wow, what a wonderful time we had at WOW! Many thanks to Master Bran and his army of helpers for making it an exciting experience for everyone. The A&S was impressive, with many novice entries. I finally got to sit and watch the equestrians show their stuff on their beautiful horses. I suggest you all take a break and go watch the wonderful things going on in the equestrian community. The balloon lighting was a meaningful way to honor our loved ones who are no longer with us. As I watched them float away, I got a lump in my throat. They were beautiful.

We are looking forward to going to Boar Hunt and Market Day. It looks to be a really fun event. There will be lots of things going on for fighters and non fighters. Come on out and enjoy!

I am working on upgrading the look of Sacred Stone. I'm making herald's tabards, a riding tabard for our Equestrian Champion, a silk Baronial banner and other things to spiff us up. If you are so inclined to help, please let me know. Any help would be appreciated.

We are going to be traveling this month. We are going to Fall Crown in Virginia. We hope to see some of you there. We are also looking forward to Thanksgiving. We hope you and your families have a happy and safe holiday!

Oshi and Síne

Baron and Baroness



FROM THE OFFICERS:

Seneschal: Lady Murienne L'Aloiere

Well another War of the Wings has come and gone. For those that may not have heard the Sacred Stone & Hawkwood team were the victors!

As a member of the staff, a member of the populace, and the Seneschale, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the people that made the event a success. From the top down people stepped up, and helped when ever and where ever needed. As always Sacred Stone is an inspiration. As I write this people are already thinking about next year's war! Can you believe it will be #7!

As I write this I am preparing to go to Boar Hunt in Charlesbury Crossing, and will be soon working on entries for In A Phoenix Eye in Crois Brigte. I hope that I will be fortunate enough to see you all at both of those events.

Until then... safe travels,

Lady Murienne



From the Exchequer: Lord Edmund Hawkesworth

I have recently learned that it would be possible for me to stay on as Baronial Exchequer and still accept the position as Regional Exchequer. The populace agreed at the last Baronial meeting that if the two positions did not conflict, they would like me to stay in this position. I would be honored to do so. I will renew my warrant as Baronial Exchequer.



From the Minister of the Lists- Lady Amye Barrington

We need more MOLs! The job of Minister of the List is not as boring as most people think it is. With out us the fighters could not fight and where is the fun in that? We help keep every one safe and we help keep score. We get a front row seat to all the action and we often know who the winner of a tournament is even before the Marshals do! So if anyone wants to sit in the shade and sip water and watch the fighting (not to mention have inside knowledge of the winners) and doesn't mind doing a bit of paper work then this is the job for them!



From the Heavy Marshal: Baron Johan von Rothenburg

From The Baronial Marshal,

Many groups continue to have practice locally, some are published and some not. If you are having any practice, take the time to inspect your gear and keep it in shape. Armor takes wear and tear, have another fighter or marshal check your gear at practice. Another person can generally give you better feedback than you can yourself. this will give you an opportunity to fix things before you show up to an event and have you gear fail, either at inspection or during the fighting.

If you are currently a marshal of any discipline, please check that your information is current on the earl marshal's website. If you are interested in becoming a marshal please contact me and I will be happy to guide you in the process.

Be safe!

Johann von Rothenburg
Baronial Marshal



From the Chronicler: Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue

Greetings to all. Thank you to all who have submitted photos and articles for the newsletter. Please keep them coming. I would like to see the Phoenix become another method of communication for the barony. I am looking for articles on A&S projects, ongoing or complete, upcoming events, newcomer activities, anything you would like to share. Please send them to my email address with permission to put them in the newsletter.

In service,

Lady Caitlin



From the Chancellor of Minors: Lady Ealasaïd MacDonald

Greetings Sacred Stone,

I just wanted to pass along a few reminders concerning children activities at events:

Children's Activities are primarily intended for children ages four through eight. Parents should periodically check in on their children to ensure their safety and suitable behavior. Children that are 4 years of age and younger are not allowed to be unsupervised without their parent/legal guardian, even at Children's Activities. As a reminder, Children's Activities is not a baby-sitting service and is provided as a courtesy to event participants. Children should be encouraged to participate in a variety of age-appropriate activities within the SCA, not just the structured activities. Depending on age and maturity, children enjoy helping in kitchens, serving feast, youth combat, archery, and more. * Please Note: The information found above may be referenced in the Society for Creative Anachronism Seneschals' Handbook, Appendix A*

In Service,

Lady Ealasaïd MacDonald Chancellor Minor



From the Baronial Webminister: Lady Annora Hall

Greetings from your Baronial Webminister!!!

Other than our evolving Baronial Website, have you checked out what the Canton Webministers are doing? Please take the time to check them out: <http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/Links.htm>. Not only do the Canton websites include important information including how to contact their officers or when their meetings are, these websites can express what is important to the Cantons and their members. Many have links to articles or newsletters. Some include links to their favorite supply sources (fiber, leather, etc.)

As a webminister, I am a huge fan of "borrowing" ideas from other webpage sources. If you borrow, please credit the hard work of their creators appropriately. These webpages can offer us new ideas of what to include for our members, how to better organize information so it is accessible for both new and existing members, and how to make keep things current. To see the code behind the page, open the page in your browser and right click on your mouse. Select "view source" and a new window will open with the page's code.

An added note: If you need artwork, most of the art you see on the webpages (especially pertaining to an award is a .gif or .bmp file) is available to the public. Don't over look this awesome source for information. Please contact the webminister for the files and, if necessary, permission to use it.

Happy creating!!

In service,

Lady Annora Hall

Meeting Minutes

The baronial business meeting was held on October 30th., 2011 at Hidden Mountain State Park, the site of Boar Hunt.

The meeting went as follows:

Coronets' report:

A discussion ensued about children's fees at events. Baron Oshi stated that the Kingdom will not change policies on children's fees. The Barony's policy is being restructured to match Kingdom policy. Cantons have their own policies and even if the barony changes it's policy, cantons are not required to follow Baronial policy. If children are charged even as little as five cents less than the full gate fee they would not have to pay the NMS fee.

A discussion followed with several of the populace voicing their thoughts on children's fees. Lord Jonathan Blackbow, Lady Annorah and Lady Aminah all has good thoughts to contribute so that we all are cognizant of the best way to make our events as affordable as possible and still be able to break even.

To all officers and Canton Seneschals, please remember to send in your quarterly reports on time.

Please continue to send in your Award Recommendations so that your fellow gentles can be recognized for their good works.

Lady Murienne's warrant was soon to expire. The populace voted on and approved Lady Murienne to extend her warrant and remain as Baronial Seneschal.

Please attend In A Phoenix Eye, volunteer and support our AGS activities.

Seneschal's Report:

Lady Murienne will stay on as Baronial Seneschal

All Officers have until end of Monday Oct 31st to get their 3rd Qtr reports in on time.

From the Officers:

Exchequer's Report:

Current checkbook balance is \$10,494.67

Edmund has indicated that he would be willing to stay on as Exchequer if the Regional Exchequer position did not conflict. The populace indicated that they would like this to happen if it is possible. He will let the Baron and Baroness and Seneschal know as soon as he finds out if it is possible to hold both positions.

MOL's Report:

No report. Her warrant is up at the end of January. See Officer's letters

Heavy Marshal's Report:

No report. See officers' letter.

Archery Marshal's Report:

No report

Minister of the Arts and Sciences Report:

Waiting on reports from cantons. She is willing to assist/ run/ judge AGS events if asked. Please give her as much lead time as possible.

Please attend In A Phoenix Eye. There will be wonderful AGS things to see and participate in.

Chronicler's Report:

All articles and other items that would make the newsletter interesting and informative would be greatly welcomed. Please email me at caitlinofbaelfireedun@yahoo.com with anything you would like to see published. I still need photos of any officers that I do not currently have and permission to publish them.

Web Minister's Report

No report. See officer's letters

Chatelaine's Report::

No report

Chancellor of Minors Report

Trick or treating at Wow was very well received . We now have an authorized Youth Fighter. Hamza of Middlegate authorized at Wow. Congratulations Hamza.

Herald's Report:

The Heraldic library was returned to the Baronial Herald at Wow. She will provide a list of what is included to the Seneschal for future reference.

Lots of opportunities for heraldic things: Wow, Boar Hunt and Phoenix Eye

Master Bran will represent the Heralds at Unevent.

Canton Reports:

Charlesbury Crossing: Boar Hunt went very well. Everyone had a good time. CC will be doing the lunch for In A Phoenix Eye. Lady Aminah announced that she is stepping down as Seneschal and is looking for someone to take her place.

Baelfire Dunn: Drums of War is moving to April 6th-8th. So look forward to cooler weather, an Easter Egg Hunt and one of Lady Murienne's fantastic feasts. You will definitely want to stay in town for this one. Stay tuned for more info. (Remember the Fighter Fashion Show).

Aire Falcon: We are still meeting. Plans will start soon for Flight of the Falcon .

Cross Brigitte: We are alive and well. We have Spiked SADD for the 2nd week of Sept.

Phoenix Eye is coming up soon. Please plan to attend.

Salisbury Glen: We are in need of a new Seneschal. We have until the end of Dec. to have someone in place. We have a new Exchequer, Lady Mari. We will be Spiking St. Uhros for March. We need to get the Archery equipment back from the previous Baronial Archery champion. We are doing A&S every other week.

Middlegate: We are working on an event in January with a Roman theme. A&S every other Tues. at Lucretia's house. Monthly meetings are Friday every month. Fighter practice every week. Versus of the Stone is being planned to be held in Jamestown on Jan 21st.

Old Business:

No news on Calontír Trím. Still waiting to hear back from them.

New Business:

We are going to need replacements for our MOL and Rapier Marshal. Anyone interested should submit an Letter of Intent to Lady Murienne. We also need volunteers for Deputy Positions.

Three bids to be considered:

Winter University- March 3rd. Winston Salem State Univ. Baroness Gísela has volunteered to Autocrat or mentor someone else. A brown bag lunch will be needed. The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this bid.

War of the Wings VII—Oct 10th-14th

Lady Murienne has submitted a bid for this event. Information on alternative sites is welcome. The bid was voted on and passed to accept this bid.

Herbal Collegium—June 1-3rd at Castle Elchenburg

Lady Murienne will Autocrat. Lady Maeve the Handy will be in charge of the classes. The bid was voted on and passed to accept this bid.

Other Business:

War of the Wings:

Income for the event has not been finalized but is estimated to be \$16,053. Expenses are \$13,892.50.

Profit is approximately \$1225.00.

An Autocrat's View of War of the Wings VI by Bran Trefonnen

The first event I ever attended in the SCA was *Pennsic XIV* in August of 1985. It was an extraordinary experience for me and laid the groundwork for the rest of my time in the Society. While there, I had my “moment,” that split second where the pretend event became real, a snapshot of another time to which I had magically traveled. I knew then that I wanted to know that instant again. More than that, I wanted to create that moment for others. I started autocratting events as soon as I returned to College that Fall and haven't really stopped since. Of course, I never expected to realize my initial dream. But, in 1994, I autocrated the event that had started it all for me: *Pennsic* (23, to be exact).

There have been a lot of events between and since and, amazingly, I have found every single autocratting experience to be a wholly unique one. Each event seems to have an inimitable quality all its own; creating memories of varying flavors for each person who attends. Certainly, all events share common aspects when it comes to the nuts and bolts of the thing. But it is the differences we remember, that we hold dear.

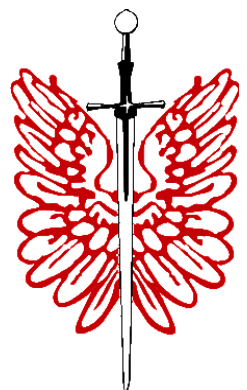
After leaving Atlantia for a few years, the second event I attended upon my Return was *War of the Wings IV*, autocrated by Barunin Gisela vom Kreuzbach. I only visited for a few hours. But it was enough time to recognize a certain *Pennsic*-like quality to the event. Just as my first *Pennsic* had been a mowed corn field where a medieval village had sprung up, so too did *WoW* share that same spirit of creation. Where there had been *nothing*, people had built *something*. There's nothing else so quintessentially human.

During my first full year back in Atlantia, like so many others, I followed the various public intrigues that helped to promote *War of the Wings V* throughout the year. Starting with Baron Axel's mournful tale of a sullied phoenix at Kingdom *Twelfth Night*, right up to the event ten months later, I was curious enough to attend the whole event the following year. Inviting me to serve as her deputy autocrat, Lady Murienne l'aloiere put her own special stamp on *War of the Wings V*. Being behind the scenes for that event did nothing to diminish the wonder created at Elchenburg Castle. If anything, it helped to firm my resolve to autocrat *WoW VI*.

Anytime I attend an event, I can't help but notice what worked especially well and what didn't work as well as it might have. Figuring out ways to turn those glitches around is half the fun of autocratting, especially an event with a history. From the onset, I made notes and began mentally preparing my bid for *WoW VI*. Admittedly, my ego was still a bit bruised from having my Atlantian *30-Year* bid rejected; the first time in over twenty-five years I'd ever been turned down for an event (I still say my *30-year* would have been *amazing* and made a ton of money for the Kingdom, but *c'est la vie*). Fortunately, it freed my schedule to take on *War of the Wings VI*. And serving Sacred Stone is always a welcome endeavor!

Starting as early as *WoW V*, I had been talking to various people about serving on the following year's event staff. The fact is, I was still recruiting staff right up to weeks before the event. Some positions are easy to fill, some all but impossible. It's always amazing to see who will step up for what and, more notably, who won't. Luckily, key staff positions, those crucial for presenting as bid, were readily available and, at the Sacred Stone baronial meeting following *WoW V*, I was able to present a viable bid. With its acceptance, I could now truly act as autocrat and begin building my own vision of the event!

It may seem silly, but it really did start with a vision. Every time I looked at the old *War of the Wings* logo, I had a vision of four wings, two up and two down. I imagined four principals (rather than the traditional two), each represented by a wing on the logo. Initially, I had thought to have Sacred Stone team up with Raven's Cove to go up against a combined Windmasters/Hawkwood foe. The *War* would encompass all of North Carolina but with unexpected pairings. Even after early enthusiasm from Raven's Cove and





Hawkwood, I never did hear back from Windmasters. As an event like *WoW* takes a lot of advance preparation, especially when it comes to the principal players, we had to move on and find another worthy adversary. Fortunately, the Barony of Black Diamond to our North had such mettle and they quickly signed on – with one caveat. They wanted a heraldic pairing, specifically, to team-up with Raven’s Cove, as they shared the same heraldic colors. This was exactly the kind of enthusiasm the event needs to work. After all, the two opposing baronies were already envisioning their black and gold troops rallied together in battle! Nothing beats the energy that a shared vision creates, and all four baronies were now poised for something wonderful. It couldn’t have worked out better. Their Excellencies Black Diamond and Raven’s Cove began to lay the groundwork for an inter-baronial conflict as early as the *Tourney of Ymir* in February 2011. And the delicate (and sometimes not-so delicate) *pas de deux* between *Wow VI*’s principals continued right up through the event in October 2011.

Media promotion for *War of the Wings VI* also began in February with its first Acorn ad. Sacred Stone took out a full page ad in Vol. 32, Issue 2 of the Acorn to start the official “countdown” to the event. The text would appear in future promotions of the event and this ad also marked the debut of the border artwork that would be used throughout all of the event promotional materials as well as the on-site signage for the event. The “watermark” used for the background is the first use of the new *WoW* logo and the lettering style would be used throughout the rest of the *WoW* promotions, including the website design, which debuted a month later.

ACCEPS registration went live in March 2011 (with paperwork going out in January), allowing people to register for the event online, using a credit card. The majority of *WoW*’s attendees now use ACCEPS for registering for the event. I believe I was one of the first to register (though not *the* first, I know). Even when I autocrat, I usually register for the event (though autocrats are typically comped). SCA events need all the help they can get though!

5 days to play
4 baronies at war
3 infamous parties
2 worthy charities
1 ludicrously fun time

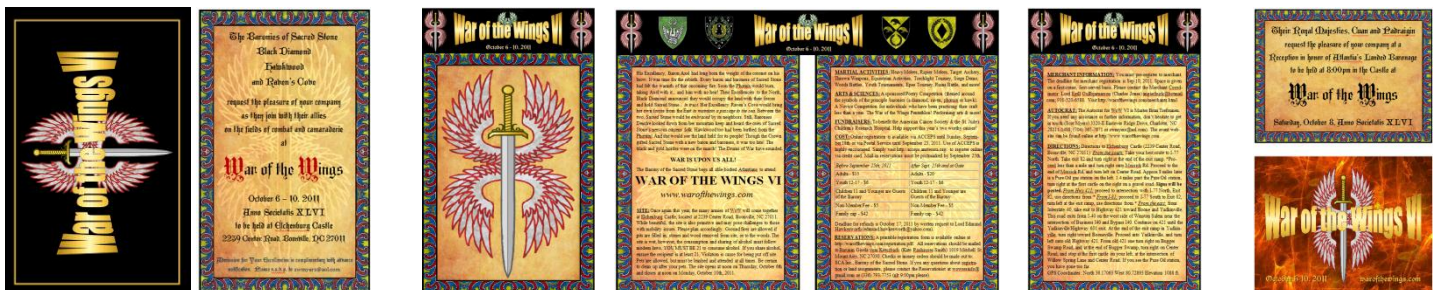
**The countdown
has begun!**

War of the Wings VI

Elchenburg Castle
October 6-10, 2011
warofthewings.com



I created additional promotional materials which were employed from March on, including postcards that became ubiquitous at Atlantian events. We gave away over three hundred throughout the year leading up to the event! Of course, traditional flyers were also used to promote the event though, thanks to Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue, we were afforded full color flyers! Special invitational packets were sent out to all Atlantian baronage, Royalty, as well as the Royalty and select baronage of all surrounding kingdoms. The packets included a formal invitation, full flyer, postcards and, yes, even a fridge magnet!



Separate, personalized invitations were also sent out to all of Atlantia’s baronage for a special reception hosted by Their Majesties. The large format flyer would appear again as the centerfold for the September Acorn (as a paid ad, of course – the Acorn limits events to a single page flyer) and the poster showing most of *WoW*’s many activities appeared as the October Acorn cover. So we were well represented in print!



Print media is only one method of promoting events, so a new *War of the Wings VI* was created at www.warofthewings.com with the help of Isabelle LaFar, Talorgen Hersir nepos Wrguist and Zuzanna Mrva. Zuzanna acted as the event's webminister and updated the site whenever staff members provided her with new or updated content.

The staff employed the traditional *WoW Staff* Yahoo group for general communiques, while the original *WoW* Yahoo groups for the event and land agents was augmented by several new *WoW* Facebook pages.

I eschew the spamming of e-lists in general, but thoughtful use of the internet generates a lot of interests and disseminates crucial information in the most efficient and effective manner. I also like how e-mails create a steady building effect towards an event. As the event gets closer and closer, more and more informative e-mails and web updates are available to potential attendees.

The most effective strategy for promoting any event, however, is positive word-of-mouth. Fortunately, *War of the Wings* has built up a decent reputation as being a fun event. Does it have its issues? Well, d'uh! But the best way to make the event better (or *any* event, for that matter) is to address problems by volunteering your time to help address them. There isn't a single problem any event faces that more people volunteering can't resolve. So, are you a do-nothing critic who bemoans an event's lack of this or that? Or are you a contributor who tackles problems and works to make the event better for every who attends? Thank God, *War of the Wings VI* was blessed with many diligent, dedicated volunteers, many of whom went above and beyond the call to make the event more successful for everyone who attended.

The word 'autocrat' suits me well and I freely admit to being quite autocratic when putting together an event. I don't believe in running events by committee, but through teamwork and a shared vision. When you put together the right team, and *trust* in that team to do their jobs, an event can't help but come together and be a success. So, rather than copious group e-mails or staff meetings, I tend to focus on one-on-one interaction with my chosen department heads. That autocratting style is neither right nor wrong, it's simply what works best for me. Of course, it only works when people *actually* do the jobs for which they've volunteered. So back-ups are often necessary. I have to say that only a very few people failed to deliver on their commitments for *War of the Wings VI*. And some delivered in ways so vastly beyond anything I could have ever imagined! It's nice that, even after doing so many events, I can be dazzled by some people's work ethic, efficiency, and competence.

WoW VI had an overall staff of forty-two people. But they represent far more people volunteering their time, energy, and resources to making the event happen. Virtually all of them had help in their various departments. But that's what makes SCA events so much fun and oh-so very special. We count on people not just attending an event, but also helping out once they get there. In that, *WoW* is as great as any event I've ever known. If you were one of the people helping to man a station, work security, bear water... any of countless opportunities to help out... thank you. That also goes for every person who helped a neighbor set up their tent, carried something to the parking lot, picked up a piece of trash, or just smiled to someone who looked like they could use one. All of those things make such a difference. You have no idea.

While it's impossible to for an autocrat to thank everyone who works at an event, I did try to show my collected staff some special appreciation. In addition to creating a specific staff gift, I provided breakfast each morning of the event as an opportunity for us to gather as a team and tackle to the day. Thank you to again to Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue, Barunin Gisela vom Kreuzbach, and especially Lady Aine O Grienan for their daily help in that endeavor.



The *WoW VI* 'work day' unofficially kicks off the event and it's a very special and beloved few who actually made it to Elchenburg that day to begin the physical process that built the actual event. I wish I could say I was

joking when I talk about the blood, sweat, and tears that go into prepping the site for everyone's arrival. Not to mention a LOT of blisters and sore backs. There truly aren't words to express how important this work is. But if you want to show your appreciation, be there for *War of the Wings VII* when the call goes out.

In an attempt to, not just promote, but recognize the volunteer spirit upon which *WoW* runs, we tried something new this year that I hope will be expanded upon with successive wars. The theory was that everyone who worked a volunteer shift, in any event department, would be given Volunteer Tickets. After taking the tickets to Information/Volunteer Point, recipients could select any branch of Atlantia to financially benefit from those volunteer hours. Poor promotion of just how this worked along with limited Volunteer Point hours meant that many (probably most) people who volunteered didn't really get to participate in this plan. While we did give out volunteer dollars, I have an idea on how this will better and more effectively work in the future using the department head's day sheets rather than tickets. Still, it did what I wanted it to do, which was to open up the concept of *WoW* profit sharing. However, Lady Milicent Shively helped to break ground in this new arena and I feel that it can only help the event in the future.

Utilizing the holiday weekend afforded us, I expanded the event another day and tried to spread the event's schedule out a bit. I'd noticed that virtually all of the event's activities happened on Saturday, which defeated the whole point of having a five-day event. With staff arriving on Wednesday, merchants allowed in early to set up Wednesday night and Thursday morning, Troll officially opening at noon Thursday, and even an archery shoot that afternoon; it seemed only natural to have the Welcome Social on Thursday evening. I consider the Welcome Social to be the official "kick-off" of *War of the Wings* and it was nice to see it so successful in its new time slot. With almost 350 people on-site Thursday, it was a true welcome for many attendees. Already setting the standard for decorating the Castle, Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue and Lord Edmund Hawkesworth, amazingly, outdid themselves, yet again, in creating a spectacularly beautiful setting. Lady Muirienne l'aloiere dazzled the palates of all attending with her delicious victuals.



We tried a whole new layout for the merchants this year and created a "market square" in the center portion of the event. This also created a dedicated, interior parking area allowing some merchants to keep vehicles next to their shops which proved quite convenient for some. With an eleventh hour save by Lord Egill Gullbjarnarson, taking on the vacated role Merchant Coordinator only weeks before the event, I can't imagine it going better under the circumstances. Lord Egill also oversaw the implementation of the Merchant Meander game that was created for *WoW VI*. Shoppers employed game pieces while visiting merchants for a daily prize draw of a \$50.00 gift certificate usable in the Merchant Square.

War of the Wings VI also experimented with a new orientation for Troll along with a fully laid out parking lot. Running 8am to 1am most days, THL Cecilia Blythe and Lord Edmund Hawkesworth worked the lion's share of Troll hours. Thankfully, frequent and regular volunteers expertly assisted them throughout the event. With Lord Raven McGillicuddy coordinating the parking area and Lord Jarvis Riley doing double-duty as our gate guard much of the time, I think the vehicle control was the best I've yet seen at a *WoW*. I can count on one hand the number of vehicles that were carelessly parked and *all* of them were addressed within hours of their offense. It was wearying work but made a huge difference to the events attendees.



Friday kicked off the many A&S offerings afforded by *War of the Wings VI*. Lord Etienne Le Mons d'Anjou worked overtime preparing for and promoting A&S at the event and it showed in the many successes of the event's A&S programs. With Lord Geffrei Maudeleyne handling the class tracks (for Atlantian University credit, no less!) and Mistress Dervila ni Leanon expert handling of the Performing Arts spaces, I think the arts continue to find a rich and nurturing home at *WoW*. Earlier solicitation and cultivation of classes should help get the class schedule into the program, rather than having a separate A&S handout. This was also the case for *WoW V* and something I'd hoped to resolve for *WoW VI*, but I was unsuccessful. I do think, however, that

WoW VII will adequately address this issue and A&S practitioners and students can expect a more integrated program next year.

Friday also saw the start of both old and new WoW happenings. *War of the Wings VI* selected to host fundraisers for two new charities this year. Our causes this year were the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Lady Murienne l'aloiere coordinated the efforts to raise both money and awareness for these two worthy charities. An on-going SCA Yard Sale, Kubb tournaments, a heavy torchlight tourney, nighttime archery and thrown weapons shoots, all culminated with our first-ever Light the Night Lantern Release. Paper Lanterns were released into the night sky taking wishes, dreams and memories with them. As an autocrat, releasing fire-fueled paper lanterns into the sky (even bio-degradable ones) filled me with no small amount of nausea. But they were so beautiful and the idea behind them so pure, that I don't think anyone wasn't moved by the wonder of it all. Also, just before Royal Court on Saturday, another of Dame Morwenna Trevethan's beautiful quilts was raffled. It was an inspired schedule with many of the children's activities specifically benefitting St. Jude's, while many adult activities benefitted the ACS.



Friday afternoon also started our scheduled children's activities with Lady Ealasaid MacDonald coordinating the annual trick-or-treating. This year, we had all of the children and parents meet in one place to start the sojourn together, which made for a much better organized affair. Saturday's "Fun with Emmie" lived up to its name with Herrin Emeludt Hansler creating a laughter-filled afternoon for the kids.

Following a lovely wedding ceremony, the crown jewel of Friday's schedule was the new "Flights of Fancy" masked ball. It was standing-room only as dancers filled the castle for an evening of light refreshments, breath-taking dancing, and dazzling masks! Lady Alexandra Scott de Northumberland, Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue, Lord Edmund Hawkesworth, Mistress Dervila ni Leanon, and the evening's many talented musicians, dancers, and party-goers created a spectacular memory for all in attendance. I hope this becomes a regular WoW feature.

The equestrian community scheduled the bulk of their activities for Saturday and what a full schedule it was! Lord Alain de la Rochelle and his crew have set the standard when it comes to planning, communicating, and executing their plans. From start to finish, it was a dream: Lord Alain's attention to detail, a wonder to behold. After dazzling in Saturday morning's traditional pre-battle the Processional (as expected – they're horses, after all!), the equestrian community went on to display a marvelous Gallery of Helms, pursued a mounted joust and then a challenge course. My only regret was that more people didn't get to see all of these spectacular activities. We need to do more to promote the equestrian schedule so that people don't miss out.



People did not miss out on the Processional itself though. A grand *War of the Wings* tradition, the heraldic procession is one of the greatest displays out there. The contending armies and all of their collected allies march across the field with all manner of livery, banners, and flags. It is a magnificent way to start off the day's many martial battles. Suddenly, we're reminded that, after all of the parties, pageants, and fun: we're at a WAR! Wanting to get back to a truer, simpler war

scenario, the main battle was a three-hour long resurrection blowout. Their Excellencies of the principal baronies, and Baron Johann von Rothenberg, especially, are to be commended for such a fun and challenging afternoon's fighting. Sir Marc d'Aubigny, Master Achbar ibn Ali, THL Jehan-Franc Blauvac, and the event's many other assisting marshals really pulled out all the stops to guarantee that a good time really was had by all. I especially liked Baron Oshi's plan to have the very first contest be between the four baronies' Champions to determine starting field positions. Inspired! Of course, the fighting would never have happened were it not for Mistress Adeliza of Bristol who took over the MoLing responsibilities when the MoL-in-Charge was a no-show.



Thank you to Countess Kari Kyst for lending a hand and all of the other MoLs who stepped in to fill the gap, including Baron Oshi. That hearkens back to what I was saying about how many people simply show up at events and dive in to help wherever help is needed. God bless them!

Noticeably absent this year was the rapier Ruins Battle. Simply put, no one from the rapier community came forward to arrange for the ruins to be transported, set-up, and broken down after the event. The Ruins is a major undertaking and needs a dedicated crew to make it happen. Not wishing it to be absent again next year, people have already come forward to see to its proper disposition.

Throughout the entire event, THL Christophe of Grey, THL Eleanor of Grey, and THL Lorelei Greenleaf manned the archery and thrown weapons ranges seemingly ceaselessly. What a full and exciting schedule! Yes, Eleanor even got me to try my hand at throwing axes! After an appropriately embarrassing turn, I scurried away to attend to my duties. But she never gave up on getting me out there to try it!

I didn't try any mead this event (*quelle surprise!*), but *War of the Wings* is developing quite the brewing tradition. The Atlantian Brewer's Guild sponsored an open mead tasting on Friday night and there was also a brewing competition as part of Saturday's A&S activities. And that same afternoon, House Barra hosted the Fifth Annual Brewers' Conference at the event.

Rather than creating an interminable evening's Court, we took advantage of the event's extended schedule to separate Their Majesties' Royal Court from the Baronial Courts endemic to *War of the Wings*. Their Atlantian Majesties held Royal Court on the battlefield early Saturday evening. While the four principal baronies held a Baronial Great Court on Sunday morning. Immediately following Their Majesties' Court on Saturday evening, the territorial barons and baronesses of the kingdom were welcomed to a special reception hosted by Their Majesties in the castle. With decorations by Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue and Lord Edmund Hawkesworth (making the castle pretty really is their niche!) and refreshments provided by Countess Brianna O Duinn and the many gracious members of Clann Roanwoulfe, Their Majesties were afforded some valuable quality time with their baronial representatives.

A beautiful *War of the Wings* tradition was also perpetuated after the evening's Court. Once again this year, THL Christophe of Grey built the memorial boat for our annual Boat Burning. Attendees paint small chits, write notes, place objects in the boat to commemorate a lost loved one, often someone lost in the past year. The memory-laden ship is then set alight while floating across the local lake's surface. It's always been a very meaningful, tear-streamed memorial. The event finds new meaning every year.

Sunday had a full schedule of youth combat activities as well as crucial A&S offerings towards the event's War Points. In what couldn't have been a more dramatic turn, the War Points had been all tied-up on Saturday evening. So, it really did fall to the Sunday schedule to determine the winner (Sacred Stone/Hawkwood, BTW: 4 to 3). Along with an epee-only tournament, I was surprised at how much of Sunday's schedule actually happened.

As expected, Sunday saw a massive exodus from the event. Many people didn't have that Monday off, despite it being a holiday. While we knew that would be the case, adding Monday to the event removed a great deal of pressure from Sunday. People weren't stressed over having to vacate the site by noon and it created a more laid back atmosphere that not only benefitted the people leaving, but let the people staying enjoy a less frenetic day.

Truly, I have only scratched the proverbial tip of the iceberg here. The aforementioned items are just a sampling of the *War of the Wings VI* activity schedule. Along with numerous other planned events, it doesn't begin to enumerate the many *unplanned* happenings. The time spent with friends, the impromptu bardic moment, the treasure secured from one of the event's many merchants (25+)... Breakfast at Gode Bakery... Dinner at MacWillie's... This is where the true magic of the SCA is to be found. Those small, personal moments coupled with the big, public ones... That's the stuff of which The Dream is made.

Of course, there's also the stuff of nightmares. I'm not talking about the rude malcontent you overhear dissing the event while surrounded by equally nattering nabobs of negativism. I'm referring to the things that can wrong with an event wherein someone might actually be harmed. *War of the Wings VI* was truly blessed to have the most amazing health and safety crew even beyond the event's excellent marshals.

Master Andreas de Caunteton was a breath of cool, calm air with his lowkey, yet ever present Legion of Chiurgeons™. From his ingenious "call box" to his excellent support staff, most notably Lady Tailefhlaith



ingen Ruaircc and Mistress Adendra; I was always certain that help was nearby. Keeping the site's many water points replenished was Lady Ismey the Nimble. You probably only saw her as a blond blur on a golf cart! But her constant attention to keeping the populace hydrated was brilliant. And when the battlefield needed additional waterbearers to service the fighters (three-hour battle, remember?), it was Ismey and her many Black Diamond



cohorts to the rescue. I once saw a t-shirt in the SCA that read, "Those who bring water are angels on the field." Well, Andreas ad Ismey helped guarantee that some of the wings at *WoW* belonged to our own guardian angels.

Tackling the single-most unpleasant task related to *any* event was Baroness Maaline Renard, Lady Caitlin MacDonoughue, and Lord Jarvis Riley. Together they cleaned, and maintained the Bath House and port-a-johns. When you have 935 people together, camping, drinking, and often in the dark; terrible (and I do mean TERRIBLE) things happen. These three were the last line of defense between you and things that should never be seen, let alone cleaned up by others. Making their extraordinary service all the more incredible – even knowing the horror – they've volunteered to serve again next year. Be thankful. Be very thankful.



I do wish I could get heralding to work again in the SCA. I said herald-ing, not heralds. *War of the Wings VI* saw a great crew of heralds working under Lord Cian mac Ceallacháin Uí Dubhlaich. Barunin Gisela handled the Processional well. And Herald's Point has almost a dozen heralds working consults at various times with Lady Rhiannon Morgaine doing an excellent job of getting all that paperwork prepared for submission. Lastly, Lord Domenico Barbieri da Mantova did his best to get site heralds to cry announcements. But you simply can't *make* people work in an all-volunteer organization. But I miss the sound of regular site cries. Not so much the random voice crying out a singular, random announcement. But scheduled, regular, "These are the 2 o'clock announcements!" Not only do I always know what's going on, but I also have a good idea of what time it is. You lose track of these things at an event.

I completely missed the Land Agent's Tea spearheaded by Lady Gwendolyn Tremayne again this year. It was amazing – so I heard. If only I'd heard a herald announce its imminence. The fact that I'm the Kingdom Herald and can't seem to bring back an SCA heraldic tradition I so dearly love is extra burdensome. Sigh. There's always next year, right?

Perhaps the single greatest contribution to the event was made by a man who wasn't even there. Weyland Underwood arranged for the event to have twenty-five walkie talkies, three charging stations, and a dozen extra battery packs: guaranteeing that we had site-wide communications throughout the entire event – all free of charge. Not able to attend the event himself, he drove down in the week (4 hours each way) just to drop them off when he couldn't guarantee their arrival by any other means. This is the kind of dedication that keeps me in the SCA. Knowing that we still attract people of such character is monumental to me.

While I have mentioned a number of people throughout this recollection, there are so many (too many) who remain unnamed. Don't think that means you didn't make a difference because you did and you do. But I do notice the people who do the work. And the ones who don't. Thank you all for making *WoW VI* memorable.

Events:

In a Phoenix Eye- Nov 12th at Raven's Knob:

In A Phoenix Eye is an entire event dedicated to Arts and Sciences. Artisans of all levels are encouraged to bring their best work, completed or in progress, to display and compete in 51 categories. There will be a prize for the best pentathlon entry but entering the pentathlon is not required. If you have any items you would like to contribute for prizes, please bring them to donate. They will be greatly appreciated.

Beside each entry there will be a small booklet for you to leave a comment if you are so inspired. There will also be a place to leave a token (bead, charm, etc.) if you really liked the entry. Anyone may do this; it's not just for peers. Please bring a little something and have fun.

On the booklets there will be a tag that is specifically for peers (Laurels, Knights, Pelicans, Royals, etc). We would like the peers in attendance to sponsor an entry with a gift. Bring something with you that day with which you would like to acknowledge someones work. When you see the entry that impresses you, remove that tag and turn it and the gift in to registration. Sponsorships will be noted and gifts given out at court.

I have had questions about classes and merchants. Both are welcome. Please contact me directly if you would like to do either. Classes will be scheduled as time and space are available during the day.

Please come join us for a fun day. For more information, please see our flyer at <http://www.croisbrigte.org/phoenixeye2011.htm>. I can be contacted at 336-499-7150 or twolfpax@yahoo.com.

Lady Aine O Grienan

30th Year Baronial Birthday—Aug 31—Sept 1st, 2012

To be held at Hidden Mountain State Park at Camp York.. Fees were voted on and approved with documentation to be submitted to the Seneschal and Coronets shortly.

November Schedule of Events for the Barony of the Sacred Stone

Meetings

Baronial Meeting- Sunday Dec 17th, 2:00 pm

Aire Faucon - Tuesday, Nov. 8th

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Monday, Nov 7th

Crois Brigte - Wed., Nov 9th

Middlegate - Friday, Nov. 11th.

Salesberie Glen - N/A

AGS

Aire Faucon - Tues evenings at rotation locations

Baelfire Dunn - N/A

Charlesbury Crossing - Tues evenings at Egill and Ulivetta's house

Crois Brigte - Dates and locations will be published

Middlegate - Tues 6-9- contact AGS Officer for address

Salesberie Glen - Wed. night every other week

Practices

Aire Faucon - Will be held on canton nights as location allows

Baelfire Dunn - Rapier practice Sundays at Bunker Hill HS

Charlesbury Crossing - N/A

Crois Brigte - Archery Practice on Sundays at rotating locations

Middlegate - Wed and Sunday Heavy Fighter Practice

Salesberie Glen - N/A

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