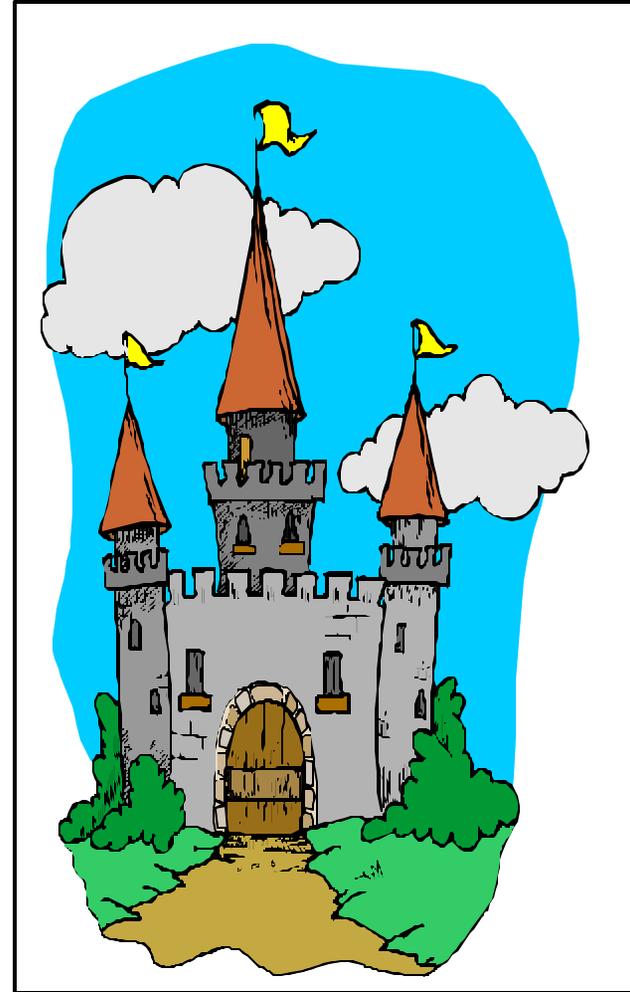
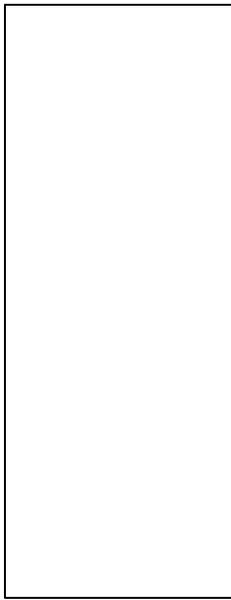


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**Kingdom Calendar**

**September 2002**

06-08	Coronation	Carthage, NC
13-15	Autumnus Festus	Blowing Rock, NC
27-29	Viking Thyng	New Canton, VA
27-29	Tourney of the Golden Moon	Kings Mountain, SC

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Jessica August 7

Megan August 28



## MEETING MINUTES

July 09, 2002

**New business:** Lady Ceara has volunteered to hold her Pavilion class for our canton. Lady Seraphina has offered her home as the location. Would we like to see member info on the website, i.e. persona history, Scadian name, mundane name, contact info, interests, and heraldry. Members said yes. Can we also add some scrapbook-type pictures of the current members?

**Old Business:** Maeve presented her proposed version of the new canton heraldry and it was passed by the membership. We will need someone to redraw it heraldically in order to submit it. The Greenville, NC group, the canton of Tarvin requested that we aid them in a demo they are planning. It will be the weekend after Coronation, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. They need fighters and A&S demonstrations. In addition, they would like to plan some A&S classes as well.

**Seneschal:** Emailed notice of meeting change to members not a part of the canton's e-group. Gwydion has sent in the paperwork to become a herald to Kingdom, and has volunteered to be canton herald when he is warranted. Confirmed reservation with Camp Loy White for next year's Inn On the Road. Master Corwyn is on vacation until the end of July, so the seneschal's warrant has not been confirmed. The Kingdom server is back up after an unexpected shutdown that lasted several days.

**Exchequer:** Bank balance was announced. We raised \$225.00 for the charities for Inn on the Road. Maeve has been added as a club officer to the bank account.

**Marshal:** The July fighter practices were cancelled. August 25<sup>th</sup> is the next canton fighter practice, starting at 4pm, due to the heat. Maeve marshaled her second combat archery event at Return to Troy.

**MoAS:** Brianna, Fiona, Marion, Seraphina, Luke, Kathryn and Susanna attended Return to Troy. Fiona, Kisaiya, Alys, Una, Osric, Seraphina and Marion each taught classes at Runestone Collegium. Measurements for the chair covers and cooler covers will be forthcoming on the canton's e-group, so that a class to make them can be set up. Fiona made a 10-gore dress by herself. A new e-list has been started that includes those interested and willing to be judges for A&S competitions.

**Herald:** OPEN.

**Chronicler:** Newsletter is out. Everyone is encouraged to subscribe: \$2.50 for the remainder of the year. We have 11 paid subscriptions and 5 complimentary.

**Chatelaine:** Nothing new to report.

## THE SENESCHALE'S SENDING

Greetings and well met. As we slog through the dog days of summer, I hope to encourage our canton to take up the camp challenge for Baronial Birthday. I'm planning to finally have the class on how to make periodoid chair covers as well as cooler covers. Let's show the barony what we can do!

Good luck to all those going off to war, both on the field and in the merchants area ;-) )

In service,  
LADY MAEVE



## THE CHATELAINE'S CALL

There is nothing new to report at this time... No new people, nothing really going on. I am printing a ton of bookmarks, business cards, etc, for the next time we DO have something.

\*\*There will be newcomers' meeting at my house (708 S. South St., Gastonia) on the 4th Wednesday of each month. This will include people who are not necessarily new to the SCA, but just to this area. It will be a small social, as well, so that new people can get to know the faces and interests of our wonderful canton members. Please think about coming to these! The first part of these meetings will be an overview of the society, for the newcomers, followed by a question and answer period, during which anyone anyone can join in. After that, we will have refreshments and a short social, so that people can talk individually.

Sincerely,  
LADY SERAPHINA NETKA

## THE CHRONICLER'S MUSINGS

Apparently, the month of August was as slow in medieval times as it is in the current middle ages. None of my sources could turn up any interesting tidbits as in the other months.

This month brings the first of many (I sincerely hope) persona stories from our members. I hope you enjoy reading about Gwydion's background and that it inspires you to create or add to your own story.

Until next month, I remain...

Always in Service,  
LADY MAEVE

## ARTS AND SCIENCES CORNER

We had a good showing at Return to Troy in Elgin: Ladies' Fiona, Brianna, Seraphina, Marion, Kathryn, Margaret and Susanna were there demonstrating spinning, weaving, spranging, rapier fighting, and knitting. Luke accompanied us, helping with hauling equipment and supplies, and distributing refreshments to our brave (and hot!) fighters.

Runestone Collegium was well staffed by Aire Faucon members, including Baroness Kisaiya, Sal, Honorable Lord Osric, Ladies' Alys, Una, Marion, Fiona, and Seraphina.

Lady Fiona made a 10 gore dress all by herself. Vivats, Lady Fiona!

Last month, I left off mention that Ladies Alys and Una, and Honorable Lord Osric were at University. Lady Alys received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Viva ts!

Looking forward to seeing AF displays and entries at Baronial Birthday and Golden Moon,

In Service,  
LADY SUSANNA VON SCHWEISSGUTH



## PERSONA STORY

Gwydion Ebogith

Long ago in Ireland, my great-grandfather's clan did lose a war, and he and his family were then taken as slaves by the conquering clan. Many years later, my grandfather was born to him and his wife, and they did name him Cormac. While he was yet six months old, a plague swept through their village, felling both of his parents as well as the man who had owned them. As none in the village had the desire to raise and feed an infant not their own, Cormac was then given into the care of an abbey newly built on the outreaches of the village, where he was raised to the age of five.

When Cormac was five, the abbot was called then back to England, where he took my grandfather with him. Cormac was given then into an orphanage where he was raised to manhood and turned out to seek his own fortunes. Cormac, through wit and guile, acquired a sword and armor, and began to work as a mercenary. He traveled throughout the Isles, serving kings and chieftains, surviving through the grace of his blade and favor of providence.

One day, while fighting in the service of a Welsh chieftain, he did meet and fall in love with a peasant girl, one lady known as Tangwen. It is said that he stole away with her on the back of his horse in the dead of the night, and her brothers close behind. He managed to outrun and lose them in the hills of Scotland, where he and Tangwen did lay down and create my father, whom was named Manech. Shortly after, the couple traveled to Ireland, where Cormac retired his sword, and used his earnings to buy a piece of land and become a farmer. Several months later was my father born to them, and they were filled with joy.

My father grew up in relative peace, learning from his father to use the sword and till the land, while his mother taught him the legends of her people. He dreamed of traveling the isles, as did his father before him, yet this was never to be.

Upon his reaching of manhood, Manech did meet and fall in love with Dierdriu, who was an Irish lass with hair the color of flame. He did then court her and bring her to his home as his bride. Shortly after, the valorous Cormac and beautiful Tangwen did fall to age, but from death comes new life, and thus I was born.

Throughout his lifetime, Manech had always been captivated by the Welsh legends and myths taught to him by Tangwen. Inspired by these stories, he did name me Gwydion. It was thought that I would fill my fathers place on the farm one day, as did he himself before me, but once again, fate intervened, and shortly after my reaching manhood was the farm seized by a greedy English lord whose king had declared that it did belong to the lord himself. Born with the spirit of my grandfather, Manech did fight valiantly against the soldiers that did come to throw him off his land, with Tangwen and I steadfast at his side.

I did witness my parents cut down by English steel that day, and I then was taken their prisoner. Their intent was to lead me to the nearest village where all of the farmers in the area came to trade foods and livestock, and then there publicly execute me as an example to the Irish of the power of English law. Upon the morning I woke up to a clamor of metal and voices, only to see a man valiantly fighting the soldiers



single-handedly, and sending them to the next world one by one. He came to me and cut my bonds, telling me to leave this place and go far away, not to be found by other soldiers at the sight of the slaughter.

Before we had parted, I asked him who he was, and how he came to rescue me. He claimed that he was a mercenary, and the life of his own father had once saved by my grandfather himself. He had had recently learned of our family's holdings and was coming to pay respect to the grave of Cormac. When he arrived he saw the English and what they had done, and found from them that Cormac's grandson had survived, and so he himself did ride through the night to repay the debt of generations.

He gave to me a dagger, and then told me that the dagger had been given to his father by my grandfather. He told me that his father had told him as a lad that many years ago, Cormac was known as "the Falcon" for the speed of his blade and noble virtue of his heart. He challenged me to aspire to the greatness of my family name, and then rode off into the hills of Eire. Never once did to me he speak his name.

Since then, I have taken upon myself the name that my grandfather had been known as throughout the Isles... I am Gwydion Ebogith...Gwydion the Falcon.

Tonight to I now put down my pen and take up my dagger and pack, for I mean to travel beyond the ninth wave to the Kingdom of Atlantia, there to seek my fortune and leave my name as a lasting mark upon the Known World.

Written by my hand,  
Held by my honor,  
Gwydion Ebogith, freeman of Ireland

**WAR ORPHAN'S PITY PARTY**  
**AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CANTON OF ST. GEORGE'S KEEP**

If the winds of War failed to blow your way, you are invited once again to the War Orphans' Pity Party. Journey to a shaded oasis where European Lords and Ladies will gather with nobles of the Middle East for a day of fun, gaming, fighting, and feasting.

**Site:** The site is the Church Hall at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 558 Hampton Ave., Pickens, SC 29671. The site will open at 9am and close at 9pm. The lists will open at 10 am. A&S should be in place by noon. The site is wet.

**Activities:** For heavy fighters left behind, there will be the traditional odd weapons tourney; prize to the most original weapon, as well as to the victor. There will be other challenges provided for these hearty warriors as well. For those who prefer the finer blade, there will be many and varied challenges of skill for body, mind, and wit. Children's activities will run through the day conducted by Lady Brigh. Bring your period games to set up in the cool. There will be a prize for the gaming champion of the day. Lord Torquil will provide an opportunity to practice for the Baronial Sports Event coming in the fall.



**Arts and Sciences:** As the Middle East served as a repository of knowledge through the Middle Ages, there will be competition in research of Middle Eastern Science, Medicine, or Technology using documentation and/or reproduction. Siege Weapon ready and no war to go to? Bring your tabletop siege weapons to WOPP! Competitions in authenticity (documentation required), distance, and accuracy. Two foot by two-foot maximum footprint - marshmallow missiles will be provided. At least there will be a prize for the best Middle Eastern period table setting.

**Feast:** Bring your best side dish to share. Please prepare enough for at least 10-12 servings. Middle Eastern specialties welcome!! Meats will be provided. Please follow these assignments by letter of mundane surname: A-F (salads) G-L (desserts) M-R (vegetables) S-Z (beverages)

**Cost:** Site fee is \$7.00, or \$4.00 with proof of current SCA membership. Children 6-11 are half price, and children under 5 are our guests. Please make checks payable to Canton of St. Georges, SCA Inc.

Reservations are not necessary, but a note of your intent to attend sent to the Autocrat will help plan the number of tables, chairs, and amount of meat to prepare.

Merchants are welcome. Please contact the autocrat.

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#### **Directions:**

Take the best route into Pickens, SC, arriving on Hwy. 8. Going up the hill into town there is a Winn Dixie store on the left. Turn in to their parking lot; go through the lot and turn onto the side street (Hampton Ave.) The church will be on the right in about 200 yards. Parking is behind the church; overflow parking is across the street at Pickens Elementary School.

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