

# *The Hartshorn*

A newsletter for Hartshorn-dale, a local chapter of the East Kingdom of the SCA

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## **Meeting people in and around Hartshorn-dale**

We are a large group, and this section is to help us get to know one another a little better! We will publish 4 per newsletter as long as we material. If you have not yet filled in the survey, consider doing that, we would love to know more about you!

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**Lady Aislinn Ysobel d'Argentan:** While Aislinn has been part of the SCA since 1980, her activity has waxed and waned with life changes, including raising her daughter. Aislinn found the SCA when a close friend happened upon a Bhakail dance practice at University of Pennsylvania and invited Aislinn to join. Her first event was a Games Tourney in Feb of 1980. While dance was Aislinn's first interest, her focus has evolved. She also has enjoyed archery, embroidery, and spinning. Her primary interest is now very much in fiber arts, especially spinning, weaving, and knitting. She is always open to trying other fiber related arts, and has put her hand to kumihimo, lucet, nalbinding, sprang, and fingerlooping, and would like to do more if there were more time in the day.

Aislinn started a college-based group within the Barony of Bhakail while she was a student at Temple University. It was called the Riding of Cwm Cowlyd (unsure of spelling). She volunteered at events, became the Captain of the Archers in Hartshorn-dale in the early 90's, and was the Event Steward for the 1st Games and Galliards event. In recent years, she has been the Deputy Event Steward of Nova Schola, attending

nearly every demo Hartshorn-dale holds. bringing her spinning wheel, and an assortment of fibers, happily teaching spinning to the masses.

Aislinn's name and device were registered early in the 1980's. The name Aislinn is from a romance novel set in the year of the conquest, 1066. She wanted to be Norman, which of course comes from northern France, and so chose the middle name Ysobel. So, Aislinn Ysobel also derives from her modern first and middle names Lisa Beth. She then chose Argentan as her surname because she felt it sounded good with Aislinn. Her persona is that of a Norman woman, whose father brought her mother back to Normandy from Ireland where he was raiding. She originally wanted 13th/14th century persona, but has settled on the 12th century. Aislinn's first husband was killed fighting in the Crusades.

Aislinn's favorite moments over the years were the magic of her first Pennsic, receiving her AoA, and more recently her Silver Wheel. She wants people to know that she is always willing to help when asked.

Her advice for Newcomers is that the SCA covers a huge stretch of time and geography. Be open to learning new things. You don't have to limit yourself to a specific time or place, unless you want to. Wear garb from different times, places, and cultures. Try new crafts and activities. Most of all, have fun.

**Miriam Culpeper:** Miriam first heard about the SCA at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, where the local SCA group had a booth. Living in Bhakail, Miriam's first experience was at the socials hosted by Mael Eoin and Ysemay who were then the Baron and Baroness of Bhakail. She found them to be very kind and welcoming!

Miriam is interested in most crafts but especially the fiber arts, and food history. She's helped in many kitchens for the past few years and says she has seen the work that happens there. She feels the kitchen staff should get more recognition for the research and artistry of what they do.

Miriam has been working on developing a persona as a Jewish herbalist in a trading caravan. She picked the last name of Culpeper as a potential ancestor of the famous herbalist Nicolas Culpeper.

What stands out to Miriam as special of her time in the SCA is the kindness of the members of Hartshorn-dale and Bhakail in welcoming her. She wants us to know that

she is shy about approaching people but loves to hear about people's passions. And for Newcomers, try lots of new things with people.

**Lady Janette Colquhoun called EAJ:** Janette Colquhoun (EAJ pronounced eej) Eaj started in the SCA in 1996, and has been active ever since. Her first event was Mudthaw. She loves to sew, waterbear, and work with Youth Combat. She has served as a water bearer, a chirurgeon (this was the first aid corps in the SCA until about a decade or so ago), and she is currently a warranted Youth Marshal. She is starting the Youth Rattan practice to be held most Fridays in Pottstown (information is the Hartshorn-dale website and via email).

Eaj has her name registered as Janette Colquhoun, and says her nickname, EAJ, has a reason. She would like folks to know that she loves to design and craft, and loves helping others! For Newcomers, she says, "Don't be afraid to ask anyone any questions, and welcome home!"

**Ivette of Worcester:** Ivette joined February 2022 after her son got interested in fencing and dance, then he became the Chatelaine. Ivette loves history, and is interested in dance and fiber arts. She is currently serving as Hartshorn-dale's Exchequer, and Minister of the List (MoL). She was the Chamberlain, which is a deputy to the Exchequer before stepping up as Exchequer this past January. At events she is often found helping with setup and clean up.

She has registered her name and she is thinking about what she would like for a device. Her persona is still being developed.

Magical moments for Ivette were attending the first Harts and Horns event, serving as ground crew with an equestrian event, helping with the Hartshorn-dale Rummage Sales along with Jacqueline, and being part of the Dance demo at the movie theater in Phoenixville.

She wants us to know that she tends to be service oriented, and if she can help, she will. For Newcomers, ask questions. There is a lot to do and learn. Don't be afraid to approach people and ask them about their persona. And for those seasoned vets, if you are asked, please explain and talk. Word of mouth is the best advertisement.

## **Vivat! See who has been recognized recently**

- **Lillia de Vaux:** Order of the Laurel. Given for her extensive research into medieval names and naming practices.
- **Andrew Schickard:** AoA. Given for many years of SCA participation including managing Hartshorn-dale calendar for a number of years.
- **Engracia de Madrigal:** Order of the Maunche. Given for her research and exquisite work with medieval knitting and knitted gloves.
- **Jennette Elizabeth Colquhoun:** Silver Wheel. Given for her extensive work with Youth Combat, and becoming a Youth Marshal.
- **Orso Luca di la Licata:** AoA. Given for a couple years of participation and service as deputy to the Chatelaine.
- **Chana Freidl the Maker:** Order of the Maunche. Given for excellence in tablet weaving.

Please the chronicler know if there is anyone missing from this list, or if you know of awards going out over the next quarter. [Chronicler@hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Chronicler@hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org)

## **Upcoming Events**

**Harts and Horns:** A date has been set and the site reserved for Nov 9th in Douglassville. Currently this event is hoping to have both martial and A&S activities in the first part of the day, then hold a midday feast, followed by dancing and a games tournament. Elizabeth Marshall will be hosting the "John Marshall atte Forde Cooking Contest" and the theme will be Cheese!

Prior to our May Business meeting there will be more information on the feast bids for the Hartshorn-dale populace to pick which feast will be part of the festivities.

Stay tuned for more details.

## **Regular Practices and Meetings**

<https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/hartshorn-dale-calendar/>

In person practices include Fencing most Mondays in Spring City, Dance most Fridays in West Norriton, and every other week Youth Combat held Fridays in Pottstown.

## **Stories from Recent Events.**

East Kingdom 12<sup>th</sup> Night was held in our neighboring branch of Buckland Cross and was combined with their Investiture of a new Baron and Baroness. Hartshorn-dale made a good showing with many of our members in attendance. Several people offered their thoughts of the event, including Brandr Bjorndall, Lillia de Vaux, Janette Colquhoun called Eaj, James O'Gallegure, Jacob of Dunmore, and Adelina de Verrieres.

Everyone felt the location was good, and that Gate ran smoothly, although when there were 5 or more people, they had to stand out in the cold wind. Adelina noted that it was helpful to have the aerial photo of the parking area posted in advance. It was cold and windy outside, but most of the event was inside.

Most people were attending because friends were getting awards There were two elevations, and one of them was our own Lillia, elevated to the Order of the Laurel for her extensive research in names and naming practices. The other elevation was for Aaron the Swift to the Order of Chivalry, and his vigil was outdoors in the chilly weather. There were no martial activities to keep our fencers occupied, but there was dancing. Since the hall was small and seating was very limited, the dancing removed some of the few seats that were available. Lillia, who was being elevated to the Order of the Laurel at court, spent the day running the herald's consult table, which saw a good amount of business. There was one gentle who got his AoA at the event, and went right back to the heralds to work on his name and device.

As we hope for at our events there were some very moments at EK 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Adelina was given a token for being her usual helpful self. One of the speakers for Aaron the Swift said it was more emotional than anticipated. Watching Orso run the toy box was a treat for many of our Hartshorn-dale folk as well.

Congratulations to the new Baron and Baroness of Buckland Cross, and to the award recipients!

## **Highlights of an officer's job**

### **Minister of the Lists**

Time commitment: very little for Hartshorn-dale's needs

Pre-requisites: Be organized as you will be handling a good deal of paperwork. Be able to attend local events where Tourneys or authorizations table

1. Complete a training with a warranted MoL
2. Responsible for:
  - a. Familiarity with rules of the lists
  - b. Processing paperwork for authorizations (the marshallate determines who is eligible to be authorized, the MoL processes the papers)
  - c. Familiarity with kingdom law, Corpora, the rules of the Lists, and the policies of the kingdom MoL  
<https://mol.eastkingdom.org/forms/EKMOL-handbook-033013.pdf>
  - d. Must work as part of a team, which includes the Marshallate, Field Heralds, and runners
3. Reporting:
  - a. Event report forms where a tourney or martial activities were held
  - b. Annual report to kingdom of martial activities in the group

## Seeking New Officers

**Speak with the seneschal if you are interested in any of these positions. Every position listed here is required as a barony, and most are not time consuming at all. Listed in order of the level of need.**

**Minister of the List.** See description above. Small time commitment, but we must have this filled. Talk James our seneschal, or Ivette, our outgoing MoL for more information.

**Deputy Exchequer.** And/or Chamberlain which is a deputy to the exchequer. We are required to have a deputy to the Exchequer, who is being trained in the Exchequer policies, and becomes a signer for the bank account. The Chamberlain is responsible for tracking the items Hartshorn-dale owns. The Deputy and the Chamberlain can be the same person. Anyone who might become our Exchequer must live in the Hartshorn-dale borders and cannot share a household with the Seneschal.

**Deputy Seneschal.** James is seeking someone interested in becoming seneschal once he steps down, and is willing to come on board and train for the role. There is currently a deputy, so the requirement to have a deputy seneschal is filled, but we need to have the next generation of officers thinking about it, and learning the role. Anyone who might

become our Seneschal must live in the Hartshorn-dale borders and cannot share a household with the Exchequer.

## **Business Meetings Highlights**

(Minutes of our meetings are available on the Hartshorn-dale website under Resources)

### **January 2024:**

Sarah (Chatelaine) and Ivette (Exchequer) have taken office in January, Other new incoming officers will assume their duties in February, after beginning of the year reports are filed to Kingdom.

Nova Schola is just 2 months away. Please email Brandr with questions. Adelina has stepped up as deputy event steward for the event. We are seeking teachers, feel free to put a call out for teachers, Brandr is the contact person for that.

Alison proposed she and Blue get started creating a bid for Harts and Horns. Dates were discussed, and Oct 12th was ruled out as that is Yom Kippur in 2024. We will see if the church in Douglassville is available Nov 9th. Dining with Lorenzo will decide if they would like to be the cooks for the event. Event staff will be needed.

James will email the populace to look over the Charter, so that it can be updated. James mentioned that we should consider whether to add to the event planning guidelines, or to the charter, language regarding contacting the southern region seneschals' group to see if there are any conflicts in the planning process.

### **February 2024:**

Alison was confirmed as Chronicler. Seeking new officers for MoL, Deputy Exchequer, and Deputy Seneschal.

SCA membership cost is being raised Feb 15th by \$10 for both Associate and Sustaining members. Non-member surcharge for events will be raised to \$10 per event.

Plans are in progress for **Harts and Horns**. The event is seeking bids from Cooks for an afternoon Feast. Please send your bid to [Alison Wodehalle](#) and [Blue Cunningghame](#). The deposit check was paid to the church, and the contract sent for Nov 9th.

James was to attend Curia which immediately followed the group business meeting. Curia Agenda included proposed changes to the polling process for groups.

### **March 2024:**

Wormwood submitted a plan and has been approved to start making list poles for Hartshorn-dale's use in tourneys.

Our Chatelaine is seeking a proxy to run the GoFourth Demo this year.

The Knight Marshall is hoping to create a heavy weapons practice that is convenient for both Hartshorn-dale and Eisental.

Youth Combat practices are happening!

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