

# *The Hartshorn*

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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 a few per newsletter as long as we have material. If you have not yet filled in the survey, consider doing that, we would love to know more about you!

<https://forms.gle/ihfm6xfWoq5WzFs67>

**Maire ni Sheaghdha** Maire's first experience with the SCA was in 1996 in Meridies, but she moved shortly afterwards to Rusted Woodlands (northern NJ). She came to Hartshorn dale about 20 years ago, though her activity has waxed and waned through the years. She started out as a heavy weapons fighter, but eventually found fencing where she had a passion. She started the Hartshorn-dale fencing practice when she was our Rapier Marshal, a position she served for many years. She says it's possible she'll return to fencing. In the meantime, Maire has been very busy in her role as Technical Director for the Performing Arts Tent at Pennsic. She also always jumps in to help at local events, whether it's dishwashing, chair setting, or sweeping up at the end.

Maire's original persona was 14<sup>th</sup> century Irish, which she chose because her ancestry is Irish and she felt it worked with her heavy fighter interests. Her name is a Gaelicized version of her first name and her last name is her grandmother's maiden name which she traced back to the 14th century. However, when she started fencing, she wanted to move her persona to late 16<sup>th</sup>/early 17<sup>th</sup> century and base it on Grace O'Malley. Maire ni Sheaghdha, translates as Mary daughter of Shea or, simply Mary O'Shea. Her heraldry is *Per bend sinister vert and azure, a pegasus segreant argent crined and winged Or, a bordure Or semy of triskeles vert.*

There are two moments that stand out for Maire in her time in the SCA. The first is when her husband, Wormwood, proposed to her at an event. He reached out to the event autocrat in advance, not realizing she was a cadet to the autocrat, things did not quite go as planned, but friends helped, the proposal happened, and they remain happily married!

The second amazing moment was the year Pennsic went dark. That year, the Known World Players did their end of Pennsic performance that evening. The Performing Arts Tent is an actual theatre under a tent which includes lights which need electricity. Power was still out an hour before curtain. The whole company and several other performers came together to figure out what to do. One moment they were all brainstorming solutions, the next moment everyone disappeared, followed by everyone returning with multiple ways of illuminating the University courtyard and others were moving chairs from the tent into the courtyard. That was the Pennsic when the Known World Players performed Shakespeare Under The Stars. It was absolutely amazing and magical!"

Maire would like newcomers to know she is a professional costume designer and seamstress and am always happy to help novice sewers with their projects. Don't hesitate to reach out nor think that a question is stupid! If you are lacking in knowledge, someone will have answers! And, welcome to Hartshorn-Dale and the SCA!

**Judith the Confused.** Judith got started in the SCA in 1998. She has been continually active since starting out. She first found the SCA at the PA Ren Faire and began attending Bhakail Dance Practice. She is Service Oriented, particularly with Youth Combat. She spends her Pennsics working as an MoL with Youth Combat, but she is also to be found running Gate at many local events, as well as serving as MoL locally. She has served through the years in many different officer roles. Her great service was noted and Judith was recognized as a Pelican at Pennsic.

Judith's name and heraldry are registered. Her colors are red and yellow and she a beehive and bees buzzing all over it! What gives Judith joy are the long-lasting friendships she has made. She loves to help people get started on their journey, and tells newcomers to try it all, don't be afraid to ask questions. Most importantly, don't let the pointy hats scare you, they are the folks who can answer your questions, or find the person who can help.

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

- Chana Freidl the Maker. Silver Crescent for her service as an officer in Bhakail, and organizer, a newcomer welcomer extraordinaire
- Ivette. AoA for her service as an officer, and for being such a wonderful integral part of the group.
- Blue. Silver Rapier for her dedication and great style on the field.

Please let 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

**Nova Schola:** March 8th 2025. Details pending.

Bidding for Crown Tournament for May 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

Demo at Boyertown Library April 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dance has two upcoming parties: Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 and Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

Looking into trying to do a demo at a con

- PAGE2 is a gaming con at Oaks expo center held mid-January
- Thy Geekdom Con is an everything geek (gaming, crafts, cosplay, etc.) held Memorial Day weekend.
- Retro Con is geeky, with many vendors selling throw-back type items, and usually the 501<sup>st</sup>, and other cosplay groups have a presence, usually held in the fall.

## 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

**Online activities** include:

- Sunday Brunch starting every Sunday at 11 am. The link is always available, and usually people are online by 11:15 or 11:30, even when attendance is light. Good way to meet people in the group. <https://meet.google.com/ffk-ahpq-mfi>

**Monthly business meetings.**

- Online meetings: These are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 pm. <https://meet.google.com/ang-yjea-iiy> . Next online meetings are scheduled for:
  - Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Feb 6<sup>th</sup>
- Mar 6<sup>th</sup>
- We are going to start doing 3-4 meetings a year in person. These meetings will start about 1 pm, are to be followed by a social. We have the space for 6 hours.
  - Sun Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Gym/all purpose room at the 4H center in Collegeville at 1015 Bridge Rd.

## **Stories from Recent Events.**

Please submit a paragraph or two telling us about your SCAdian adventures!

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

### **Knight Marshal**

- A. This position is the administrative position that assists all the marshals of the various martial arts being practiced in Hartshorn-dale
- B. Expected time commitment <1 hour/week
- C. Reports due quarterly at the end of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov
- D. Ensure there is a warranted marshal present at any martial activities including but not limited to Fencing, Heavy Weapons, Archery, and Thrown Weapons.
- E. Pre-requisites: have an interest in making sure martial activities are happening.

## **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.**

**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)

### **July 2024:**

- Harts and Horns was discussed, and detailed plans are forming
- Lillia attended the Known World Herald's and Scribes Symposium
- Library Demo at Boyertown will be Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Sarah is organizing.

### **August/September 2024:**

- In person business meeting was held, followed by a social, at the Montgomery County 4H center
- Aislinn is planning an A&S day at her house in the fall
- The possibility of a Rapier tournament for Spring Crown was discussed, along with possible bids from Hartshorn-dale.
- Plans for Harts and Horns event are coming along nicely
- The Boyertown Library Demo will be Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

### **October 2024:**

- Plans are in place for another in person business meeting with social to follow the meeting, on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at the 4H center from 1 pm to 8 pm.
- Aislinn's A&S day will be Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at her house
- Planning for Nova Schola has begun. Discussions are how to make the event more accessible, possibly moving away from using the gym to using the Maple Room as a social space.
- Sarah tells us that the Boyertown Demo was a success.

As always, we welcome submissions! If you wish to review a book, or write a paragraph about an event, or share a photo (with proper release forms), we welcome your input and your perspective!

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