

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 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>

This section will return with the next issue! We have so many wonderful and amazing people who are in our midst, keep your eyes open for these bios!

Vivat! See who has been recognized recently

- **Friedrich Berckheymer.** Order of Chivalry
- **Alison Wodehalle.** Order of the Pelican
- **Milissent de Haithwaite.** Silver Crescent
- **Eleanor de Astlye.** Silver Brooch
- **Engracia de Madrigal.** Order of the Laurel

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

Upcoming Events:

East Kingdom Rapier Champs: Feb 21st in Hartshorn-dale

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4488>

Nova Schola: Mar 7th in Hartshorn-dale <https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4486>

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 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm. <https://meet.google.com/ang-yjea-iiy> . Next online meetings are scheduled for:
 - Feb 5th
 - Mar 5th
 - (April's meeting will not be on-line- Apr 12 in-person)
 - May 7th
 - June 4th
 - (July's meeting will not be on-line- June 28 in-person)
 - Sep 3rd
 - (October's meeting will not be on-line- Oct 4 in-person)
 - Nov 5th
 - Dec 3rd
- We are going to be 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 4 hours. Currently scheduled at the 4H in Collegeville at 1015 Bridge Rd. in the Oak room:
 - Sun Jan 11th

- Sun Apr 12th
- Sun June 28th
- Sun Oct 4th

Stories from Recent Events.

Our 4th Harts and Horns was held Nov 29, stewarded by Sarah and Faelan, who did an outstanding job putting together a great event. There was an excellent Andalusian feast and all the activities of previous Harts and Horns events, including our Renaissance Rummage sale, both a heavy weapons, and a fencing tournament for our Shire Champions, a Games Tournament for the Shire Champion, an Artisan's Corner, and the John Marshall atte Ford Food Competition: Bread.

The thank you's from our event steward's:

This was a complicated event with a lot of pieces, so first thanks is to all the staff who ran the different activities.

Thanks to Lord Egill Illugasson of Serpentius called Badhands, our previous heavy champion, for running the tournament and coordinating the heavy fighting! Milissent was the Minister of the Lists and Sir Talan was the marshall. Vivat to Sir William, our new heavy champion, and to Alexander Mescovitch, the populace champion!

Thanks to James O'Galleghure of Tyr Connal, our previous Rapier champion, for running the rapier tournament and serving as rapier marshall. Thanks to Wormwood for serving as Minister of the Lists for rapier! Vivat to Malcolm Bowman our new rapier champion!

Thanks to Aislinn for running the Artisan's Corner! There was spinning, weaving, embroidery, handsewing, and a display on herbs, as well as many folks gathering with their projects.

Thanks to Elizabet Marshall for running the John Marshall atte Forde competition, with a theme of bread (delicious, delicious bread). And Vivat to our four winners!

Bella Tessatore made wheat berry with barm, and was recognized for Embodying John Marshall award.

Gwen (a newcomer, welcome!) made einkorn sourdough and received the Balance award.

Violet Grey made Vánočku and Vánočka and won the History award.

Aislinn made Challa and was recognized as the "go-to" bread.

Thanks to Hrothgeirr Mjoksiglandi for running games for all who were interested, and coordinating the

games tournament. Vivat to Santiago Vieyra for our new games champion! Aiden Underhill and Gwalchmai ap Talan competed in the tournament.

Thanks to Jacqueline Cross for separating folks from their cash during the Renaissance Rummage Sale, and many thanks to Adelina for hauling away all the leftover items. And we couldn't run the Rummage sale without everyone's donations! I am always worried we won't get any donations and every time folks find something to donate! We made \$257 from the Rummage Sale.

Thanks to Lillia de Vaux for running Herald's Point! I saw folks in there learning and getting their questions answered.

Thanks to Ivette for running Gate and handling all the reservations and walk-in for the event, and thanks to Arpad and Rosie for helping.

Many thanks to our head cook, Grainne inghean ui Neill, for researching and cooking a four-course feast, with many many dishes! And thanks to Maxine Lee, Ray Halpern and Emily Halpern for helping our cook in the kitchen!

Thanks to Duchessa Diana Alene of Tregirtse for running dance!

We did not have many youth attend but we were prepared – thanks to Adelina, Rosie, and Milissent for being available to run children & youth activities.

Thanks to Kolozsovari Arpad for coordinating the announcement of all our new champions during feast!

And thanks to those who did the work of setting up and cleaning up from the event. Thanks to the Friday night setup crew, my co-event steward Faelan and Hrothgeirr, James and Adelina, and Alison and Brandr, and our head cook Grainne. Thanks to Alison for preparing the feast sign-up seating chart. Thanks as well to the folks who stayed until the end on Saturday - Faelan and Hrothgeirr, James and Adelina, and Blue (whose knowledge as a past event steward was most helpful in locating brooms). I also wanted to thank Wormwood for always asking what he could do to help, and gladly taking out trash, moving tables, and sweeping.

Thanks to those who pitched in in the kitchen at the end of the day, especially when there was a problem with the dishwasher and many folks had to step in and help with the dishes.

And of course this event wouldn't have happened without my co-event steward, Faelan Sinnoch! Thank you for all your assistance the day of the event, and all the work leading up to it, talking over all the decisions and ideas that went into Harts & Horns, finding staff for all the different activities, and especially finding a cook for the feast.

Highlights of an officer's job

Office of branch Herald

- A. Hartshorn-dale's herald has a registered title, "Attire Pursuivant"
- B. Expected time commitment will vary but will average <5 hours per month
- C. This is a job that you can learn as you go, just keep asking questions.
- D. Website for the kingdom Herald <https://herald.eastkingdom.org/>
- E. Three primary tasks
 1. Assisting persons with submitting SCA heraldry including devices, badges, and names (In Hartshorn-dale, this is primarily what your job will consist of, unless we eventually become a barony)
 2. Running court if located in a barony
 3. Field heraldry (usually barony and kingdom level)
- F. Quarterly reports are due Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, and Nov 1.
- G. Submissions will be the bulk of your work. You should familiarize yourself with the rules of submission.
 1. Utilize the assistance of heralds with more experience. There is a Facebook group, and there is a Discord server for heralds to talk to each other and get assistance when needed
 2. There are persons within Hartshorn-dale with Heraldic libraries who are more than happy to assist as well.
 3. Request access to OSCAR, the online commenting forum, so that you can track submissions and provide commentary (if you wish) on the kingdom's Letters of Intent.
- H. Payment for submissions is never made to you, please see Brigantia policy as to how the check should be made out.
- I. Ideally the herald of Hartshorn-dale would periodically make their availability known to the group, so that submissions continue to happen, and group members know where to go for assistance.
- J. Ability to draw is not necessary for this job. If you are comfortable drawing then please feel free to offer your assistance to clients, but if you are not comfortable, no worries, there are many resources out there, including some of us in Hartshorn-dale that will happily do the art.

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.

Chronicler: Required position for baronies. Duties include: Publish the newsletter, The Hartshorn (quarterly if we are a barony). Send copies to the EK Chronicler and the EK Historian.

Business Meetings Highlights

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

September 2025 <https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-09.pdf>

October 2025 <https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-10.pdf>

November 2025 <https://hartshorn-dale.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-11.pdf>

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!

Officer List

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