



The Clarion

Newsletter for the
Barony of Ben Dunfirth



September 30, 2022 - AS 57

Barony of Ben Dunfirth, Kingdom of Ealdormere

September 30, 2022 - AS 57

Honours and Awards Bestowed upon Ben Dunfirthians:

War of the Trillium,
June 30-July 3, 2022

Fischer of Ben Dunfirth
Award of the Orion

Pennsic War,
July 29-August 14, 2022

Lord Gaijin Suren

Put on Vigil by the Order of Chivalry

Coronation of HRM Kaylah V,
September 24, 2022

HE Brand Thorwaldsen the Black

Scroll of Honour, for enthusiastically
welcoming new people

Bellatrix Hespeler

Award of the Maiden's Heart

Gaijin Surin

Master of Arms

Please refer to the Kingdom website www.ealdormere.ca for the most recent and updated
information with regard to events & meetings.

Rules on what will be permitted at in-person
events (number of attendees, meal prep and food
distribution, etc.) may also change on short notice.

Please check the website and the Ealdormere
Re-Opening plan for details, and event site links for
updated event details.

When the words come, they are merely
empty shells without the music. They live
as they are sung, for the words are the
body and the music the spirit. - Hildegard von Bingen

Events Calendar:

Events as listed on the Kingdom of Ealdormere
Calendar from September - December, 2022:

Date: Saturday October 1, 2022

Event: [Huntsman's Harvest](#)

Location: Germania Club, 4240 Trinity Church Rd,
Binbrook, ON

Description: Archery, Fighting, Fencing, and Thrown
Weapons! A Kingdom Court with Vigils and a
Baronial Elevation for Ben Dunfirth!

Hosted By: The Barony of Ben Dunfirth

Date: Saturday October 22, 2022

Event: [Fall Crown Tournament](#)

Location: Bethany Community Church, 1388 Third
Street Louth, St. Catharines, ON

Description: Come see the Line of the North secured!
Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Fencing onsite.

Hosted By: The Barony of Rising Waters

Date: Saturday October 29, 2022

Event: [Pikeman's Pleasure: Brawl in the Fall 2](#)

Location: Codrington Community Centre, 2992
County Rd 30, Codrington, ON

Description: Fighting! More Fighting! Lunch is by pre-
registration. No feast.

Hosted By: The Canton of Petrea Thule

Date: Saturday November 5, 2022

Event: [Queen's Prize Tournament](#)

Location: 210 Kent St W, Lindsay, ON

Description: A&S competition for those new to the
craft; Laurel elevation will occur. Lunch is BYOF.

Hosted By: The Shire of Bastille du Lac

Ben Dunfirth Business Meetings/Fight Practices for Autumn/Winter 2022:

Baronial Business Meetings/fight practices are on Mondays at Dundas Community Centre
from September until the end of the year

Dundas: Monday, Oct 3, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5 12, 19

Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre (10 Market Street, Dundas ON)

****The above dates are subject to potential future COVID-19 in-person meeting restrictions****

Autumn Adventures

Enjoy this Autumn 2022 edition of the Ben Dunfirth Clarion; this past summer saw another incredible season of awards granted to our worthy citizens, and our remaining in-person events this year will be just as legendary!

In late September, Their Royal Majesties, Queen Kaylah V and her Consort Trumbrand V, Prince of Grace and Twice the Patience, were joyously Coronated in far-away Merlin, Ontario. We are very proud to have Their Royal Majesties hail from our own Barony yet again! This marks the second time that Queen Kaylah has taken the throne by right of arms, and is the first female SCA fighter to achieve this wondrous feat.

Gaijin Bahadur was put on vigil during Pennsic, and later elevated to Master of Arms at Coronation in a heartfelt ceremony.

After six long years, Baron Brand and Baroness Jacea will be gleefully stepping down from the Baronial seats at Huntsman's Harvest, and our new Baronial Nobles are no other than (drum roll please)....Lord Jørgen and Lady Meredyth Llwellyn!! (hey wait, that's me...) More on that in the Winter edition of the Ben Dunfirth Clarion!

As always, stay tuned to the Ealdormere website for more information regarding potential changes and/or restrictions on upcoming in-person events.

- Meredyth, Ben Dunfirth Chronicler

Territories Claimed

Territories claimed by the far roving members of the Barony of Ben Dunfirth:

- Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- High Commission in Skraeling Althing
- Several more of the 999 islands, Ontario/NYS
- Waimea Canyon, Hawaii
- Joshua Tree National Park's "Skull Rock", CA
- Palm Springs Air Museum, CA
- The Hague, Netherlands
- Holguin, Cuba
- Ben Braha, Prague, (Orloj)
- The Rock of Gibraltar, Drachenvald (Spain)
- The North East Fountain, Louisville, Kentucky
- Tekit Easy Island, Jamaica
- Rincón de la Vieja Volcano, Costa Rica
- The Hall of lights in the Laurel Caverns, PA
- Isla De Jacea, Cuba
 - A newly declared Ben Dunfirth bar, the Bastion of An Tir, and a little land along the trail nearby
 - The 3rd Red Rock on the Right, Denver CO
- Fumarole at NÁMAFJALL, Iceland
- Den of Evil, Blood Moor (Diablo)
- New Ben Dunfirth, Neo-Ealdormere (No Man's Sky)
- Mind Palace, Ealdormere proper
- Spooky Hallway, Gatineau, QC
- The Moon (in Lunar Eclipse only), Earth
- H62C (H-Block), Howard Springs Quarantine Facility, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
- Steak & Shake, Erie PA
- Porcine Signpost, Elkhart Fairgrounds, IN



From Their Excellencies

**UNDER NEW
MANAGEMENT**

Watch this space for the first missive
from the new Baronials
(after they take their seats at Huntsman's Harvest)
in the Winter 2022 edition of The Clarion

War of the Trillium - June 30-July 3, 2022

This year's "Trillies" was well-attended by many fighters and fencers looking to prepare themselves for their sojourn at Pennsic War later in July through early August. Also in attendance were those of a gentler nature looking to reconnect with friends and loved ones, throw some axes or shoot some arrows.

The weather was intensely hot and humid on Thursday and Friday of the event, though nowhere near "three feet from the sun" as in previous years. Thank goodness for Ye Olde Ice Creame Truck that saved us from impending meltdown!

The remaining days were hot without being as humid due to a spirited breeze, which provided excellent protection from hearing a darned thing during Evening Court, but it at least kept us all cool.

The list field was full of fighters in various melee groups, and the fencing during the Rose Tourney was spirited and well-attended. In addition, the Thrown Weapons and Archery ranges were abuzz with activity during most of the long weekend.

The children of Ealdormere had a marvelous time thanks to the copious number of interesting activities planned and executed by Master Martin and his eager helpers.

All photos by Fischer



War of the Trillium - June 30-July 3, 2022



All photos by Fischer

Pennsic War - July 29-August 14, 2022



While a relatively small contingent of Ealdormereans were able to make their way to Cooper's Lake this year to support our Royals Roak Khan and Hyrrokin Khan Begam during Pennsic Wars 49, those who did make the trip were feisty and ready to defend our Kingdom's honour! A "drive-by mini Court" on the battlefield was visited upon Lord Gaijin, as he was put on vigil by the Order of Chivalry.



Pennsic War - July 29-August 14, 2022



Pennsic Eyewitness Account: Fischer of Ben Dunfirth



All photos by Fischer

Pennsic is so difficult to capture in words and I have so many memories! A few battles stick out in my mind: the woods battle was especially grueling. Trudging through the thick brush in heavy armour, getting caught in the branches...but it was also remarkably beautiful. We got up to the front line when it started to rain, and it kept on raining. You could hear the gentle pattering of the rain on the leaves as both sides stood their ground. It misted through the trees and dripped off helmets.

The bridge battle was inexplicable; it was so anxiety-inducing going into the line, smushed together like sardines, with arrows and ballistas flying through the skies. You could see their archers but all you could do was clutch your shield high and hope you saw them fire. It was organized chaos as you slowly inched closer and closer to the middle of the bridge. Then you got there, pressed against a gigantic shield wall and all the tiny might of me was determined to bull these shields over if it was the last thing I did (with the help of my team also pushing me). When we finally broke through to the other side of the bridge, it was the first time I felt a real hardcore rush of adrenaline that had me running around and shaking people with irrepressible excitement.

Outside of fighting, the moments that stick out in my head are The Processional—the drenching heat (I looked like I just got out of the shower by the time we hit the top of the hill), seeing the other kingdoms march by in all their might, and the successive ceremony.

There was one night where I did entourage for Roak & Hyrrokin for the first time at a party for Their Majesties of all the kingdoms. I met all the other retainers and it was a wonderful evening getting to know so many new folks and hear their stories.



Pennsic War - July 20 - Aug 14, 2022

Pennsic Eyewitness Account: Fischer of Ben Dunfirth



Seeing The Casa finished was absolutely breathtaking. I was asked to get photos of The Memorial Ship burning and there was some initial stress of trying to figure out where the ship was going to be launched and running around to ensure I got some good shots in the dark. But then, I had the opportunity to listen to the quiet drum and the names of passed loved ones being called out over the lake. It was incredibly beautiful and emotional.

Then there was the Horseradish God...I'd heard about Pennsic weirdness but nothing quite prepared me for The Horseradish God.

On the last day, after the big battle, Rattanicus gathered Gregor and Varenko and sang The Song of the Northern Wanderer Words after the last battle, to give a farewell to Pennsic with a song that best encapsulated it. I joined in and I don't think I made it very far before I broke and just couldn't stop crying for about an hour. It brought up all the feelings of belonging and being home that are so difficult to express. It made it for me and I'm still so thankful for that moment. I can't wait to go back!

~ Fischer of Ben Dunfirth



Coronation - September 24, 2022

The Autumn Coronation of TRM Kayah V and Trumbrand V in the Incipient Shire of Champcorbeau (otherwise known as Merlin, Ontario), was during a blustery, chill and somewhat moist day, but that didn't stop celebrants from enjoying the spectacle and shenanigans during morning and afternoon Court.

The coronation ceremony itself was marked by many moving and uplifting moments, as captured in these images by Fischer.



Meredyth's Cookery Corner: Lamb (or Mutton Stew)

As the days get colder and shorter, the hot, sunny, forever days of summer seem further and further away. Warm drinks and hot foods become *de rigueur* once again, to stave off the chill of those long, dark nights. Lamb stew (or mutton, if you can find it) is just the ticket for such an occasion. How the medieval cooks would marvel at today's high-convenience machines such as InstantPots and slow cookers that could make a stew like this a breeze to create.

If you wish for a more filling stew, add some hearty root and other vegetables that can handle a good bit of stewing time, such as celery, carrots, cabbage, turnips, even green beans or green peas at the end if you have some. Fresh is always preferred but frozen will do in a pinch. Any canned veggies should be generally avoided, or at most drained and added at the very end of cooking in order to warm over a little; any more cooking will mush them into grey nothingness.

If you can find or make your own *poudre fort* or can afford saffron, I recommend trying one or the other or both instead of the spices listed below; it will be delicious.

MODERN RECIPE:

Serves 6

- 900g boneless stewing lamb or mutton
- 425ml chicken stock
- 2 medium onions, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tbsp chopped parsley
- 1/2–1 tsp each fresh rosemary leaves, thyme leaves, and savory or marjoram leaves, bruised in a mill (use less if using dried herbs)
- 1/4 tsp each ground ginger, cumin and coriander
- Salt to taste
- 225ml white wine
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

Cut the meat into 5cm cubes. Put the stock into a stewpan and bring to the boil. Add the meat and bring back to the boil. Skim if needed, then add the prepared onions, herbs, spices, salt and wine. Reduce the heat, cover the pan and cook gently until the meat cubes are cooked through and tender (1–1 1/2 hours). Beat the eggs with the lemon juice until blended, then take the pan off the heat and stir the egg mixture gradually into the stew to thicken it slightly. Do not re-boil.

ORIGINAL RECEIPT:

'Take veel other[wise] motoun
and smyte it to gobettes. Seeth it
in gode broth; cast therto erbes
yhewe gode won, and a quantite
of oynouns mynced, powdour
fort and safroun, and alye it with
ayren and verious: but let it not
seeth after.'



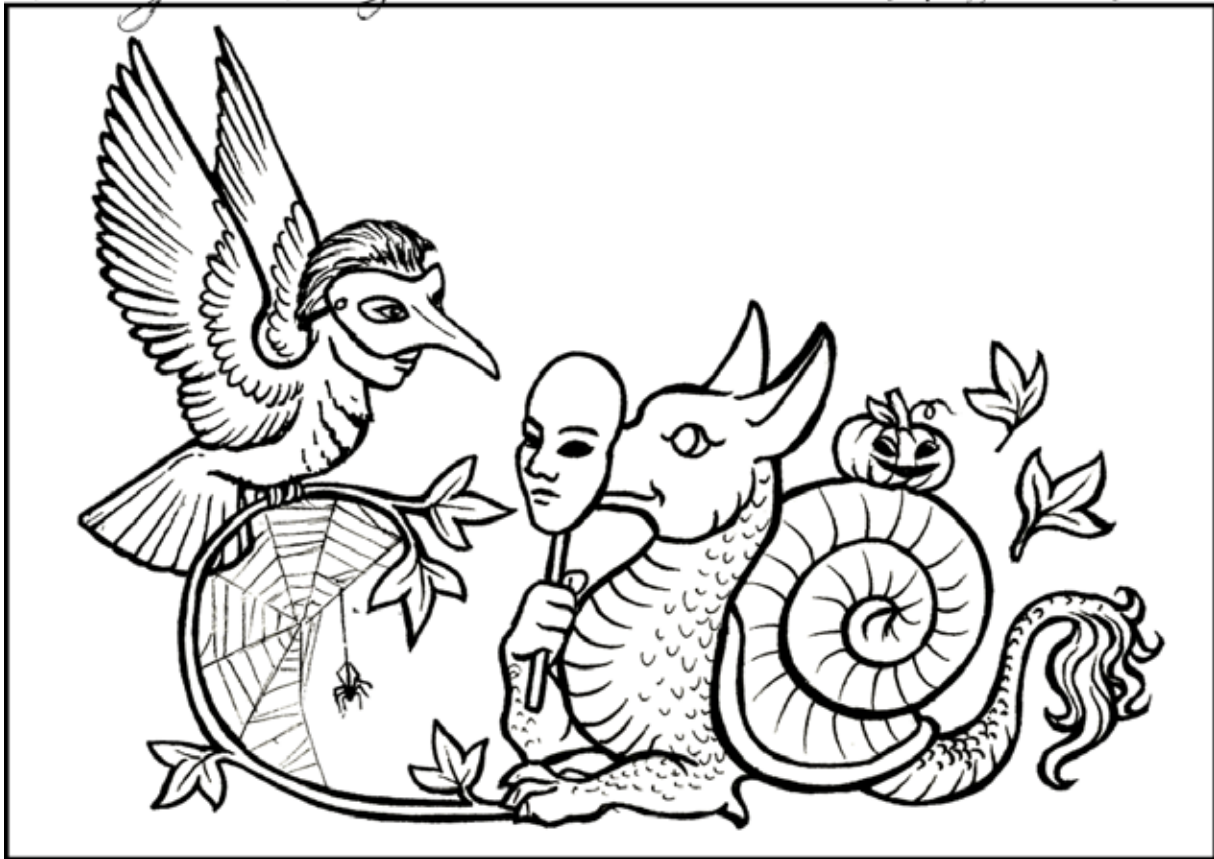
Photo licensed from Adobe Stock

Sources: www.britishmuseum.org/;
*Curie on Inglysch : English culinary
manuscripts of the fourteenth century
(including the Forme of cury) / edited
by Constance B. Hieatt and Sharon
Butler*

Marginal Mayhem

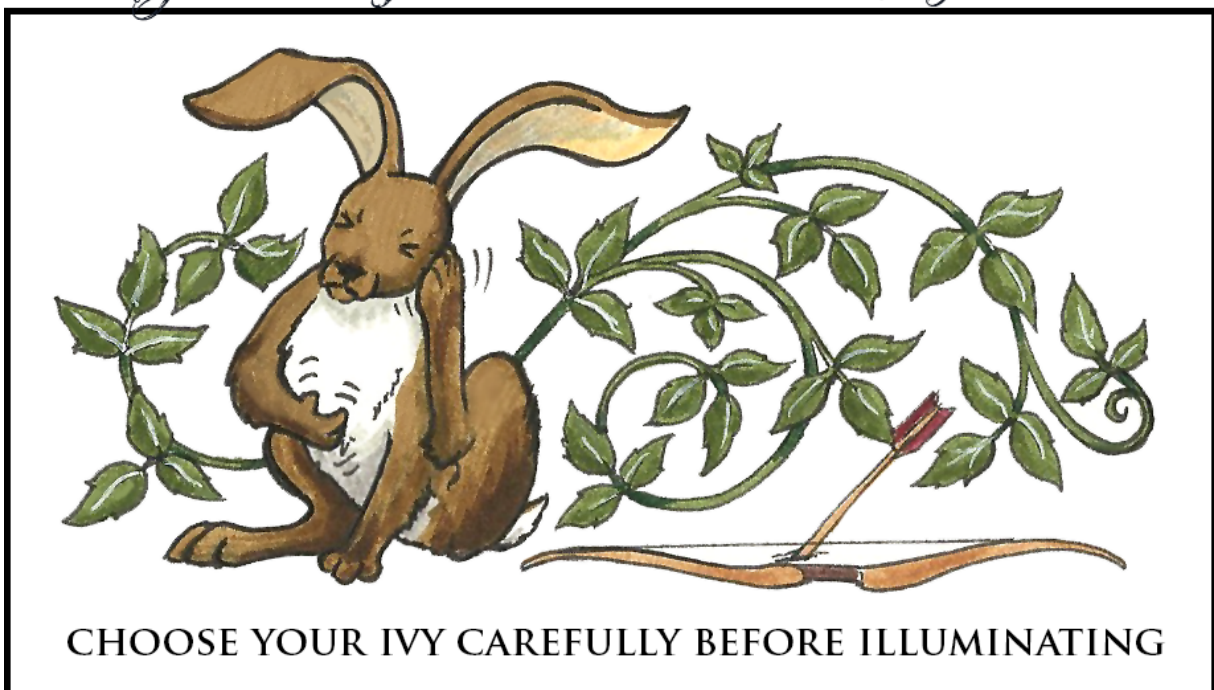
Marginal Mayhem

by Augusta Weyfare



Marginal Mayhem

By Augusta Weyfare



Call For Entries

Our Clarion editions of old are a perfect example of what can be done when we all contribute article ideas and A&S Project Show and Tells. Let's keep the participation flowing, as I'm always happy to include your suggestions in the next edition.

This is your invitation to share; please contact me about photos you may have taken at events, stories (new and old) you want to tell, and other article ideas that involve Ben Dunfirth.

Please contact me (Meredyth Llwellyn) at bdchronicler@gmail.com and make sure to include your SCA name and contact info where I can best respond to your message.

Baronial Officer Contact Info

Baronials of Ben Dunfirth:

Info TBD next edition!

Seneschal:

Bellatrix Hespeler (Glenn Shilletto)
seneschal.bendunfirth@gmail.com

Chatelaine:

Marioun (Katherine Golightly)
bd.chatelaine@gmail.com

Social Media Officer:

Brand Thorwaldsen
bendunfirth.chatelaine@gmail.com

Exchequer:

Sir Maneke of Ben Dunfirth (Jeffrey Frank)
jeff.frank@hotmail.com

Armoured Combat Marshal:

Bellatrix Hespeler (Glenn Shilletto)
bdarmouredmarshall@gmail.com

Fencing Marshal:

THL David of Ben Dunfirth
reflexbow@hotmail.com

Archery Marshal:

HE Don the Duckman (Don Intini)
905-921-0906

Herald Pursuivant:

Jørgen Lennertson (George Bird)
bd.pursuivant@gmail.com

Thrown Weapons Marshall:

Meredyth Llwellyn (Alicia York-Bird)
bdthrownweaponsmarshall@gmail.com

Chronicler:

Meredyth Llwellyn (Alicia York-Bird)
bdchronicler@gmail.com

Arts & Sciences Minister:

Juliana Scrivner (Micah Foubert)
bdartsandscience@gmail.com

Web Minister:

Fischer of Ben Dunfirth (Robin McConnell)
bendunfirthwebminister@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/5148693885/

Twitter: twitter.com/bendunfirth

Website: <http://bendunfirth.com>

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

The website is the most up to date source for announcements, dates and information.

This is the quarterly issue of The Ben Dunfirth Clarion, a publication of the Barony of Ben Dunfirth of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.). The Clarion is available from Meredyth Llwellyn, bdchronicler@gmail.com or the Ben Dunfirth website. It is not a corporate publication of SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA, Inc. policies. Copyright (c)2022 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting photographs, articles or artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece.

Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.