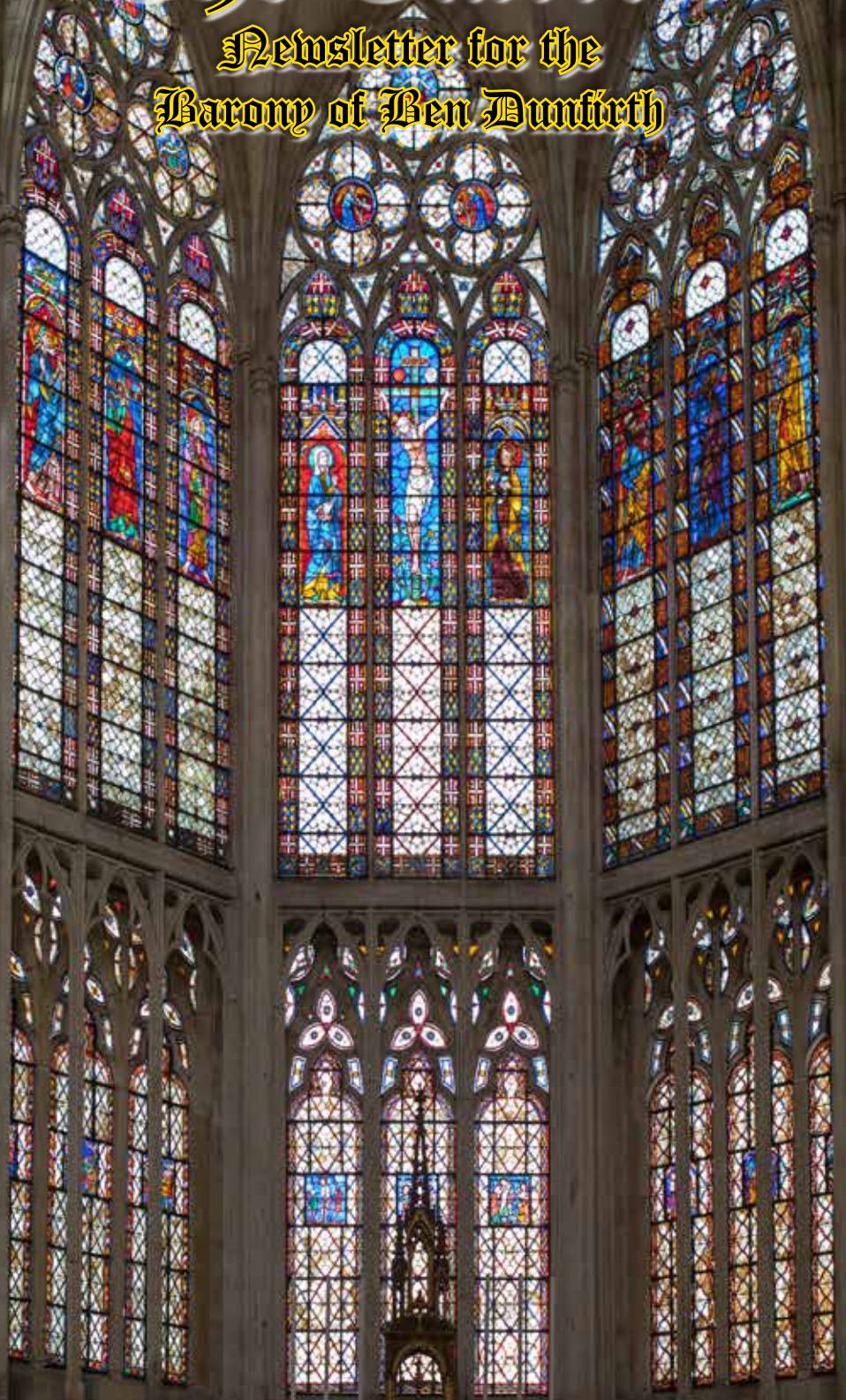




The Clarion

Newsletter for the
Barony of Ben Dumfries



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Barony of Ben Dunfirth, Kingdom of Ealdormere

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Events Calendar:

Events as listed on the Kingdom of Ealdormere Calendar from May-July 2023:

Date: May 19-22, 2023

Event: Fruits of our Labours XVI (FOOL)

Location: Camp Impeesa, 827559 Twp Rd. 8
Drumbo, On

Description: A&S classroom extravaganza!

Hosted By: The Canton of Bryniau
Tywynnog

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2023, 9am-9pm

Event: Crown Tournament

Location: Lombardy Agricultural Society, 6
Kelly Rd, Lombardy, ON

Description: Come witness the
continuation of the Line of the North!

Hosted by: The Barony of Skraeling Althing

Date: June 15-18, 2023

Event: Murder Melee in the Meadow

Location: Binbrook Conservation Area,
5050 Harrison Rd, Binbrook ON

Description: Fighting! Fencing! A&S!
Scriptorium and Mead making discussion.

Hosted by: The Barony of Ben Dunfirth

Date: June 28 - July 3, 2023

Event: War of the Trillium

Location: 3421 Concession Rd 5, Clarington,
ON L0B 1M0

Description: Get your melee on in the final
largescale practice before Pennsic!

Hosted by: The Barony of Septentria

Date: July 21 - 23, 2023

Event: Baron's Brouhaha

Location: 973 Concession Rd 8, Tiverton, ON

Description: Welcome to their Excellencies
Penda and Sibylla's Farm! Enjoy a weekend
of A&S, Marshaled Activities, Camping,
Potluck Feast and a really big bardic
bonfire at night. Bring your own lunch.

Hosted by: The Canton of Northgeatham

A tale is but half told when only one
person tells it.

- The Saga of Grettir the Strong

Honours and Awards Bestowed upon Ben Dunfirthians:

Tournoi de Coeur de Glace,
February 4, 2023

Amelie of Ben Dunfirth
Award of the Wolf's Cub

Kingdom A&S,
March 26, 2023

Seigneur Baudouin de Domrémy
Winner of the A&S Pentathlon

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

Ben Dunfirth Business Meetings/Fight Practices for Spring/Summer 2023:

Mondays at 7pm from May-July 2023

Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre: 10 Market Street, Dundas ON

No Meetings on: May 22 (Victoria Day)

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

Spring Has Sprung

Such a relief to come back to brighter, longer, warmer days after the dark and cold winter. And with a raft of events on the horizon, we as a Barony should expect to be quite active!

Tournoi had an excellent turnout, with many of our own scoring highly and winning prizes. Winter War was fairly well-attended for such a long way away, and Kingdom A&S again showed our Barony's best foot forward with our own Seigneur Baudouin winning the Grand Prize in the Pentathalon (Wassail Baudouin!)

A fantastic Norse-inspired Spring Coronation was hosted by the Canton of Northgeatham in Ramshaven; much food, festivities and frivolities were had. See the summer newsletter for detailed photos and descriptions!

Our own Murder Melee in the Meadow will be taking place in mid-June at the Binbrook Conservation Area as in previous years; we look forward to crossing swords (and battleaxes, and polearms, and pikes...) with our friends from other Baronies and Kingdoms in a series of friendly battles under the (hopefully) sunny skies.

- *Hæ Meredith, 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 Jocea, 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
- "Bacon Rock", Luray Caverns, VA
- Punta Cana, Dominican Republic



From Their Excellencies



Greetings to Ben Dunfirth from Your Benevolent Baroness and Baron

Summer is fast approaching and that means camping events! Our own Murder Melee will be

upon us soon! We ask that you spread the word through your compatriots in arms from all groups, whether fighters or fencers, or archers, or thrown weapons, to gather their gear and present themselves on the fields of Binbrook to test their mettle.

We will have special guests this year, their Excellencies Rhydderich Hael, Thalia and Magnus, are planning to attend and may even bring their own 10 person Melee team to compete! Do extend to them our most excellent Ben Dunfirth hospitality!

We also wanted to thank our new and returning Officers who do a most excellent job keeping the great machine of our Barony running!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the fields at Melee!

Yours In Service,
Baron Jørgen and Baroness Meredyth
Baronials of Ben Dunfirth



Ben Dunfirth Events

MONTHLY SEWING DAYS

From the start of this calendar year, our A&S Minister and Lady of the Laurel, Countess Marioun Golightly, has been running a monthly Garb Sewing Day. From January through May, this monthly Saturday drop-in event offered several opportunities for all Ben Dunfirthians to work on their sewing projects in a supportive environment where skilled advice and assistance was available if needed. The Armoury was set up with multiple sewing machines, irons, ironing boards and cutting tables, and a positive, convivial atmosphere was present.

A side "Thank you so much!!" to Countess Arlette, who came to the aid of one of the monthly sewing events by opening her home to the group when a last-minute cancellation of the Armoury space due to illness occurred; Wassail!

This event was quite successful; if you would like to see more A&S initiatives like this, please contact Countess Marioun to discuss.

Photos by Gabriel of Ben Dunfirth.



BANNER MAKING DAYS

A&S Minister and Lady of the Laurel, Countess Marioun Golightly, was inspired to create an initiative to make the Largest Banner Ealdormere Has Ever Seen!

Countess Marioun has been instrumental in bringing her own supplies and know-how to several Monday night Business meetings to facilitate everyone designing and painting their own devices on squares of silk, in order for them to be stitched together once complete into a massive silk banner celebrating our Kingdom, to be displayed at Pennsic.

If you would like to see more A&S initiatives like this or participate/help/offer support, please contact Countess Marioun to discuss.



Tournoit de Coeur de Glace - Feb 4, 2023

One of the coldest winter days on record (-32°C!!!) didn't stop our intrepid warriors from making their way to Belleville, Ontario to engage in noble combat at the Tournoi de Coeur de Glace, hosted by the Shire of Bastille du Lac.

Both sword and rapier combat were on the menu, as dozens of our fighters and fencers engaged in one-on-one bouts throughout the day. A delicious boxed lunch for two was made available for those who wished to partake, and many nobles set up tables and presences to while away the hours during and in between combat bouts.

Photos by Mistress Augusta Wayfare.



Kingdom A&S - March 25, 2023

An excellent turnout was on display at the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition in March of this year.

Following are just some of the excellent submissions for the competitions, with our very own Seigneur Baudouin de Domrémy chosen as the Winner of the A&S Pentathlon! Wassail Beaudoin!

All photos by Emyr of Town's End



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 or be told, and other article ideas that involve Ben Dunfirth.

Please contact me (HE 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.

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

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