



# The Cataract

The newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters, the SCA chapter  
for the Niagara Region <http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/>

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March

Baronial meetings for the foreseeable future will be held either at the home of Baroness Rosalinda, 346 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, or at Finally Oaks, 1468 Krick Road, just outside Smithville. These meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace!

Fight practices are at the Alexandra School gym, 84 Henry Street, St. Catharines. Parking lot off Dufferin St. E.

Mini-events (summer): come in garb, bring fighting equipment, & snacks to share. [finallyoaks.ca](http://finallyoaks.ca)

## March

- 1 Winter War, Trinovantia Nova (London)
- 2 **Baronial meeting**, 2-5, at Baroness Rosalinda's
- 7 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- 8 **A&S day**, 10-5: Scroll blanks & cases
- 9 *Daylight Savings begins—lose one hour of sleep*
- 15 Break the Back of Winter, Greyfells (TBA)
- 21 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- A&S night**, 7-10: herald's tabard(s)
- 22 Ice Dragon, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Buffalo, NY)
- 22-23 Late Winter Shoot, Petrea Thule (Peterborough)
- 28 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- 29 Spring Arts & Sciences, Ben Dunfirth (New Dundee)
- Step-down Intent announcement**

## April

- 4 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- A&S night**, 7-10: fighter tabards
- 5 Demo at Forward Into the Past (Waterloo)
- 6 **Baronial Meeting**, 2-5, at Baroness Rosalinda's
- 11 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- 12 **A&S day**, 10-5: silk banners for Coronation
- 26 **Spring Coronation, Arpad Park, Rising Waters (Niagara Falls)**

## May

- 1 Happy SCA New Year! XLIX
- 2 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- 4 **Baronial meeting/BBQ/Inventory**, 11:00-5:00, at Baroness Rosalinda's
- 9 **Fight Practice**, 6:30-9:30, at Alexandra School
- 10 **Deadline for Baron/Baroness letters of intent**
- 16-19 Fruits of Our Labours, Bryniau Tywynnog (Ayr)
- 20 **Candidates Notified of Acceptance**
- 24 Spring Crown Tournament, Der Welfengau (Fergus)
- Announce & present candidates**
- 25 **A&S day**, 10-5: Pierogies

## June

- 1 **Baronial Meeting/Mini-Event** at Finally Oaks, 12:00-5:00 **Meet the candidates**
- 7 Pikeman's Pleasure XXIV, Petrea Thule (Little Britain)

- 12-15 Murder Melee XXXI, Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton)
- 13 **A&S night**, 7-10: TBD
- 21-22 Summer Siege, Harrowgate Heath (Kemptville)
- 27-July 1 War of the Trillium, Arg Chreag (TBA)

## July

- 5 **A&S day**, 10-5: Dyeing workshop
- 6 **Voting for Baron/Baroness starts by mail-in and email**
- 11 **A&S night**, 7-10: camping garb
- 13 **Baronial meeting/mini-event**, Finally Oaks, 12-5
- Final votes and vote tally**

## August

- 15 **A&S night**, 7-10: Research techniques
- 17 **Baronial meeting/mini-event**, Finally Oaks, 12-5
- Subsequent vote if necessary**
- 23 **A&S day**, 10-5: Silk screening

## September

- 14 **Baronial meeting/mini-event**, Finally Oaks, 12-5
- 20 **Library demo**, tentative date

## October

- 4 Huntsman's Harvest, Ben Dunfirth
- Successful candidate(s) announced in court**
- 19 **Baronial meeting/mini-event**, Finally Oaks, 12-5

## November

- 1 **Lady Mary Memorial Tourney & Baronial Investiture, Lipa Park**
- 2 *Daylight Savings ends—gain one hour of sleep*

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April

### Baron & Baroness

Glorious Greetings to the Populace of the Barony of Rising Waters:

We are mightily pleased that fight practice has begun. We hope our fighters and anyone else who wishes to attend can dust off their armor and enjoy the new site. Thank you to all the folks involved in putting this together; what a huge undertaking that turned out to be!

Please make sure and avail yourselves of the A&S opportunities coming your way this spring. There is quite a lineup! [See calendar for details.]

As discussed at our monthly meetings, Our time in the High Seats is coming to an end. We will officially announce our stepping down at Spring A&S if we can, so those who wish to run in our election should:

- 1) Write a letter of Intent to Run for Baronial Office. This Letter should include: SCA and mundane names, membership numbers and expiry dates, full contact information, and a statement of intention.
- 2) Include an SCA resume so the Crown can be well informed of your previous activities within the SCA. Your vision regarding the Barony and moving forward will be presented at the meet the candidates meetings; however, if you wish to include it in your Letter of Intent, that is acceptable. Essentially you are submitting a resume and cover letter for the position of Baron or Baroness of the Barony of Rising Waters.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email Us. We will do our best to help you.

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Mr. Bob Mackie. His endeavors toward the sport of archery were great, and he will be missed greatly. Our sincerest condolences.

Yours in service,

Richard Larmer and Annabelle Makmyllane

### Seneschal

Greetings good gentles!

This year will be a very eventful one for us. We will shortly be looking forward to the Spring Coronation of our most lupine Highnesses. In addition, our beloved Baron and Baroness will be stepping down this year after serving us well and faithfully for five long years. The expected timeline for elections is here in the Cataract as well as on the website. Their Excellencies have provided a handout with information about being a Baron and Baroness, and they welcome any and all inquiries via phone, email or in person. If you wish to run, please speak to them as soon as possible to ensure that you meet all requirements and deadlines. The heirs will be invested November 1 at Lady Mary Memorial Tournament and Baronial Investiture, which will be held at Lipa Park. Please remember that if you do not have a current membership your vote does not count. Also, if your contact information has changed, please contact me to update it.

On a more personal note, I will also be stepping down as Seneschal this year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Barony cannot run without the assistance of every member. Currently there are only a few people in the Barony who have constantly been in office. While I greatly appreciate their dedication, it is not fair to them. We need more people to step up and help out. Many offices currently do not even have a deputy in case of emergency. Becoming a deputy is an excellent way to learn about the position, but it does not automatically mean that you will get the job when that officer steps down. I encourage everyone to come out to the Baronial meetings. They are an excellent way to learn what happens in the Barony, and are not just for officers. We frequently discuss things that are relevant to every member of the Barony. So please come out and help ensure the continuance of this wonderful Barony.

The members of this Barony are incredibly talented and have such a range of abilities. We would like to see many more of you out using those talents and abilities, and teaching others. If you know of members who have not been playing lately, encourage them to come out again. Every person is a valuable resource and we need every single one of you. There is an updated calendar of events, activities and A&S days in this issue of the Cataract, as well as on the website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any other officer.

Ysabeau de Comport

Seneschal of Rising Waters

Our most gracious neighbours across the river will soon be celebrating the Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon, on March 22, 2014, A.S. XLVIII. This is a fabulous event in a beautiful hall. I hope you will all join me there. Baron Caleb Reynolds of the Rhydderich Hael was given a writ to be put on vigil for the Order of the Pelican, to be done at this event. For more information, please see the event website: <http://www.ice-dragon.info/>

Ysabeau de Comport

### Chatelaine

Greetings Rising Waters,

I am pleased to note that the Coffee and Chat nights continue to go well. Low turn-out, but those that are able to attend enjoy themselves. Welcome to Ruth Jackson; hopefully I will be able to meet you in person some day. On that note, the new chatelaine's email is working well, and the Fine Grind has said that they will give us counter-space for brochures, so I am updating our tri-fold and will print some out to deliver to him there. So, go out and meet people and bring them with you!

In Service,  
Annabelle Makmyllane

### Royalty Liaison

Well, I think it's finally time. I have been the unofficial Royalty Liaison person for almost all of our events for almost nine years now. I really enjoyed the work, but it is time to pass on the hat. If anyone is interested in doing or learning what is involved, please contact me at [tanglewood44@hotmail.com](mailto:tanglewood44@hotmail.com) or call me at 905-994-0128 (no calls before 10 a.m. please).

I will be the Royalty Liaison for Coronation on April 26, and also for the Lady Mary Tourney/Investiture on November 1, with help from Lady Beatrix. I will be starting to prepare for Coronation during the first week of March and could use some help. So please do not be shy; I do not bite. If there are enough people interested in the position, maybe we could all get together and discuss what is involved.

In Service to the Barony and the Kingdom,  
The Baroness Rosalinda

### Gatekeeper Extraordinaire

Know who's coming ahead of time! Get to say "Hi!" to everyone who attends your event!

Courtesy, basic math skills and a membership are all you need to be Head Gatekeeper.

Want to learn more? Contact Roz [Rosalind Pax] at [rozpax@hotmail.com](mailto:rozpax@hotmail.com). A discussion/get-together date will be decided upon based on schedules of any interested parties.

Cheers  
Roz. Not on a boat!

### Chronicler

Here we are, past mid-Winter and hoping for Spring. Looking back at my calendar, I see that it has been a good season for socializing, with Roz's birthday party, Twelfthnight and its games, A&S nights, Coffee & Chat evenings at the Fine Grind, Sisterhood of the Blessed Chalice gatherings (ask Baroness Annabelle about them, ladies), and baronial meetings. I ended up missing the January meeting when my chariot broke down outside the Market of the Wall. Thanks again to those who came to my rescue!

The next couple of months will be just as busy, but we can hope that the weather improves and we don't have to resort to Skype and FB messaging because of hazardous driving. (I think of Skype as the Magic Mirror.) As you can see by the Calendar page, we now have fight practices – though sadly no archery, A&S, business meetings, Coronation (here!), and the beginning of the baronial election process.

This means event notices. I can't do better than to quote from Magistra Nicolaa, our Kingdom Chronicler, on how to do them. "First make sure you are sending the ads to [ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com) [or for the barony, [chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com)] If you send it elsewhere you risk having it missed.

"Keep formatting to a minimum. As you've probably noticed, I format all ads for the Tidings in a specific way. [Having to rent/buy a program to translate yours is not a happy solution.] Please do not format your ads into columns or use tables. In fact, the best format whatsoever is plain text. [Save the pictures for the website.]

"Finally, please read the back cover of The Tidings for requirements for event ads and make sure the ad meets those requirements. This includes directions. Yes, it's easy for folks to just look things up on Google Maps or to use a GPS, but neither of these is infallible and have been known to direct drivers incorrectly. Also, locals often know better directions than an anonymous computer somewhere. So please, include the directions [written by someone who drives]!

"Remember, an event ad is a requirement for any official business such as Court."

Please send the event notice to your friendly local Chronicler in time to be published before the event, keeping in mind that this newsletter comes out every 2 months.

Ariadne

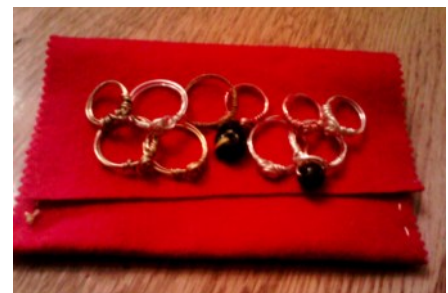
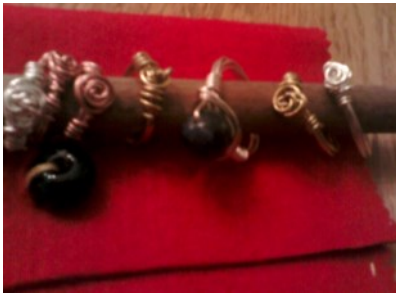
### Arts & Sciences

A&S classes held on Friday nights will be from 7:00 to 10:00. A&S classes held on Saturdays or Sundays will be from 10:00 to 5:00 and will include a potluck lunch. Some classes may involve a minimal charge. All are welcome to attend and bring A&S projects, or just sit and chat even if you are not interested in doing the classes. Please come out to 122 Dufferin St. E., St. Catharines, and enjoy an evening or day of fun. If you have any questions, please call me at 905-984-2501.

The revised class schedule can be found on the Calendar page of this issue.

The recent evening of learning how to make rings and pouches for largess was well-attended and lots of fun. Thanks to Roz for the pictures.

Yours in service,  
Yllaría de Comport



### Herald

I am pleased to report that our name, order name and device [for the Sisterhood of the Blessed Chalice] have all been passed in the December 2013 Letter of Acceptances and Returns!

Your Humble Herald,  
ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig



### Heavy Weapons

Greetings and Salutations,

We will be returning to indoor regularly scheduled fight practices from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Friday nights at Alexandra Public School at 84 Henry St in St Catharines. The parking lot entrance is on Dufferin St E. Donations to help defray the costs will be appreciated. A suggested donation is \$5.00 per night but, as always, is not required. Please find the schedule below. Hope to see many of you there.

Fight Schedule:

February 21, 28

March 7, 21, 28

April 4, 11

May 2, 9

Yours in Service,

Dmitri Rievskoi, Marshal, Barony of Rising Waters

### Archery

"We are saddened and regret to announce that after twelve years of service to our community and archery enthusiasts everywhere, Mackie's Mountain Archery will be permanently closing its doors as of February 13, 2014, [due to the unexpected death of owner Bob Mackie on February 9].

... Top Flight Archery will remain in business and will service its own existing customers with outstanding orders and obligations on an individual basis by scheduled appointments until Mr. Mackie's estate is settled. Then Top Flight Archery will move to a new location and reach out to its clients....Bryan Caballero & Starr Mackie"

So as of right now, I am officially looking for a replacement as Baronial Archery Marshal, and it looks like Rising Waters archers no longer have a location to do archery.

Yours in Service,  
Reynard de Joch

### Highlights of the Meetings

February 9, 2014, at Baroness Rosalinda's. Start 2:45, end 4:30. Nine present, plus 2 by computer.

Baroness Annabelle passed around a copy of "How to Be a Baroness", a very instructive pamphlet.

A&S: At the February 8 evening Aibhilin taught us how to make lanterns to mark the pathway bridges at Coronation. The new schedule was announced. The deadline for submitting research papers to Spring A&S is looming; entry forms can be found on the Ealdormere Kingdom website under Officers/Min of Arts & Sciences.

Marshallate: Fight practices are now scheduled for Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines. Hope that Ulfbrandr can come to fight practice even though he has moved. There will be no archery or thrown weapons practices until we can be at Finally Oaks. Reynard is seeking a replacement as Baronial Archery Marshal now that his Domesday has been sent.

Historian: Dmitri is buying a digital photo frame to use at demos and events to show off our baronial pictures.

Signet: the scrolls that were made for Twelfthnight were mostly not given out.

Quartermaster: Annabelle has added the boffer loaner equipment. Ariadne has donated 15 children's tunics made of felt for use at demos or for Gold Key.

Chronicler: Ariadne will send The Cataract to both the personal and the gmail accounts for the officers. That way they will be archived for new officers to refer to if needed. All four mailed subscriptions have been paid for. The Domesday was sent on time.

Webminister: Suzanne no longer has time to carry out the duties of this office and needs someone to take over immediately.

Chatelaine: A new person, Ruth, is planning to come to the Coffee & Chat on February 18.

Baron/Baroness: Expressions of concern for the health of fighter/archer Braksis. Planning to go to Ice Dragon, where Baron Caleb will be on Pelican vigil.

Seneschal: Elections for the new Baron and/or Baroness are coming up. [The [schedule](#) has been posted.] Additional insurance is needed for Alexandra School. Ysabeau is looking for someone to take over as Seneschal.

Exchequer: The bank account is reasonably healthy; Kingdom still owes us money. The Domesday is asking for the value of the Baronial assets; this is a new request that is difficult to comply with.

Events:

Twelfthnight: Because of a misunderstanding, payment for the hall was late and there was a penalty; therefore, the event lost money. The Autocrat's report is due; report forms can be found on the Ealdormere website.

Coronation: The feast menu has been approved by Her Highness Ragni. There are some potential problems with the site, but contingency plans are being made.

Lady Mary/Investiture: The bid was submitted by Augusto Giuseppe (Joe the Just) and Ysabeau. Marshals from all over will be invited to help out. Recommendations for awards should be made soon so that proper scrolls can be ready. Would Rose of Greenwood be interested in running the raffle? A display and flyers should be done for the library demo in September or October. A large pavilion will be used to shelter those on the field. New direction signs are needed; noted that the Ministry of Transport removes all signs put up on their poles. The bid was approved with some reservations about the costs and pricing. The deposit amount for the site was okayed.

Other projects include silk screening new outdoor banners, RW logo items, at least a display for A&S, shields of Richard's and Annabelle's heraldy need to be made to be put onto the baronial cloaks.

These minutes were taken by Ariadne, who wasn't at the January meeting to take notes.



*The Royal Coronation of Sir Siegfried Brandboern and Ragni Dzintara,  
Prince and Princess of Ealdormere*

Hosted by the Barony of Rising Waters



April 26, 2014, A.S. XLVIII

Site opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m.

Location: Arpad Community Centre, 10215 Montrose Road,  
Niagara Falls, ON L0S 1K0

Site fee: Adults \$10, youth \$5, children \$0. KET \$1

Feast: Adults \$15, youth \$7.50

A simple lunch will be available for \$3.

**Pre-registration is required for feast as seats are limited.**

Event Stewards: THL Sciath ingen Chaennig (Trudi Wright),  
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Directions: From the QEW take exit 21, then the ramp right for RR-47 toward Welland. Turn right onto RR-47W/Lyons Creek Road. The event site is behind the main building. Parking is in front of the feast hall.

Further details are available through the event website:

<http://ealdormerespringcoronation.weebly.com/>



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**A&S Champion:** Lady Gema Krasil'niKova (Jennifer Etty)

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