



The Cataract

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This publication is only as interesting as its content. Please consider making a contribution in the form of photographs, articles, art work, event reports, medieval recipes, items of historical interest etc.

The next issue, Winter 2020, will come out in January 2020 so please send in any submission by the end of December 2019. Thank you!

Corrections, Submissions, Suggestions, please send to the Chronicler, Lady Bera Oddsdottir chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com

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The Barony of Rising Waters can be found online at:

<http://baronyofrisingwaters.org>

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[Rising waters fight practice](#)

Baronial Calendar

Baronial meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace!

Meetings are held at: 161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines [map](#)

Baronial Calendar: http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/event_calendar/

October

Thu Oct 17 • 7pm • **Scribal Gathering**
161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines ON [map](#)

Fri Oct 18 • 6pm • **Mega Fight Practice and A&S Extravaganza**
New Hope Church, St. Catharines ON [map](#)

Sun Oct 20 • 2pm • **Barony Meeting**
161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines ON [map](#)

November

Thu Nov 21 • 7pm • **Scribal Gathering**
161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines ON [map](#)

Fri Nov 22 • 6pm • **Mega Fight Practice and A&S Extravaganza**
New Hope Church, St. Catharines ON [map](#)

Sun Nov 24 • 2pm • **Barony Meeting**
161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines ON [map](#)

December

Sun Dec 15 • 2pm • **Dessert Revel & Barony Meeting**
8870 Nassau Ave, Niagara Falls ON [map](#)

Thu Dec 19 • 7pm • **Scribal Gathering**
161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines ON [map](#)



Greetings unto the bountiful Barony of Rising Waters

from Baroness Sciath ingen Chaennaig

I am certain that you, like me, have begun to settle into the cool, wet days of Autumn. Crisp, bright leaves, and fresh air! The perfect weather for a campfire. I have been truly blessed by the confidence of this Barony, and Their Excellencies, Gema and Dmitri. Investiture was an excellent display of the amazing energy, and ingenuity without Our people. The careful planning of Lady Runa ensured that the day ran smoothly, with Lady Jowan at the gate and Lady Ragnheidr at the bar. At feast, we saw (and tasted!) the results of much trial and experimentation by Lady Bera and her lord husband. I was so pleased to declare our combat champion as Lord Eustace di Cordoba, and thrown weapons champion, Lady Rúna Sólveigarsdottir!

After some needed rest at the Crumphold, attending the coronation of Queen Kaylah and King Trumbrand will be a day to remember. It was warm, near balmy and the celebratory battle drew quite a crowd. Then we witnessed lord Bryniolfr's amazing ability with the local wildlife – for those who were not witness, it was a sight to behold.

I made a promise to Their Majesties to protect this Barony, and her people. After our first mega practice, I can attest that we are a fierce Barony, and I look forward to our next mega-practice on October 18th. In the meantime, we do have weekly practices on Tuesday nights at the home of Lord Michaelis Vilicus. I plan to attend as many practices as I can, while the weather remains clement. This will allow me to watch our martial forces hone skills, and fight for glory. These practices are not for the battle arts alone and will include scholarship. Come artisans, alchemists and scholars and share your knowledge (or thirst for new knowledge) and experience.

While I have paid the taxes owed from the Barony to Their Majesties, I'd like to introduce a tax for the people of Rising Waters – I promise it's not too arduous! This year's tax is a story. This can be in the form of a period story from a medieval source, or a fun medieval themed story.

I'd like to thank Baroness Annabelle for her service to the Barony as Seneschal and look forward to working with her successor. I'd also like to welcome Lady Runa as Community Liaison, a deputy to the Seneschal. Runa has already been working with community members to promote the Barony and the SCA, and there are exciting things already in the works.



Finally, I want to invite you to share your thoughts, comments, and suggestions on the continued improvement of the Barony. I will do my utmost to represent Rising Waters. There is excellence all around us – in the quiet planning of events and activities, the steady practice in the martial arts, to the discovery of a hard-won skill. I'd ask each of you help me shine a light in recognizing folks.

Join me in conference, and share your thoughts with me soon,
In Service to Barony and Kingdom, Sciath

Working Together with the Niagara Falls Humane Society

Considering many of the populace have pets and even bring them to events, we here in Rising Waters wanted to help out a charity close to our hearts.

The Niagara Falls Humane society is holding their annual Gala on November second and this year it has a medieval theme. Who better than a medieval, not for profit, to help with putting on a special event?

First step was to get some photos to advertise for ticket sales. Huntsmans Harvest provided a perfect opportunity for the NFHS to bring out a few of their young furry friends and take photos with people dressed up participating in events. There were so many people enjoying time with the animals, that perhaps this needs to become an event in itself or perhaps an adoption bus at the next event.

If you are able to help with the gala or have any ideas on what we can do to help them raise money please email Runa @ community.risingwaters@gmail.com





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New Position Announcement: ***Community Liason***

During the September meeting members voted to create a new position for our growing Barony. As a group we have been working towards fostering a relationship with local businesses and associations. We are also trying to get out and be more visible in the community to grow our profile and attract new members.

The new position, Community Liason, is a deputy of the Seneschal, and will involve communicating with potential merchants, event and meeting locations, and other non-profit community groups. The goal in fostering these relationships is to enrich both their organizations along our local group and wider SCA family.

This new mantle has been taken on by Lady Rúna Sólveigardóttir, there are a lot of exciting plans in development, including our upcoming work with the Niagara Falls Humane Society.

If you know of any businesses or associations that you think might be a good fit with us here in the SCA, please contact Rúna at community.risingwaters@gmail.com

RW's Investiture Post-Rev at Mugs & Meeples



Greetings from the Minster of Arts & Sciences

~ Wydow Kate of the Lake

As many of you know, I have recently been installed as Minister of Arts and Sciences for Rising Waters. This is a very exciting thing, for me, since I have been interested in A&S almost exclusively since I joined Ealdormere (ahem) several years ago.

Originally, my interest was solely in bardic arts. And although my first bardic performance was a story (read, a REALLY bad joke) I have primarily been working on singing and song-writing. There is so much to learn in music, and so many directions that one can go in that area that I have been busy, yet I feel that I have only tapped the tip of the iceberg.

I am protegee to Master Dahrien Cordell of Northshield with my focus on encouraging and assisting budding bards of all the period performance types and will most happily do (almost) whatever it takes to make it easy for anyone to stand up and get their "stuff" into the SCA community. I can help you write, perform better, find a performer for your work - name it, I'll do my level best to help.

But being MoAS encompasses so much more than "just" the bardic arts, and I embrace this position as an opportunity to not only enable all you who want to learn or learn more about any given Art or Science but also to learn more, myself. To this end, the A&S portion of the (currently styled) Mega Practices are planned with requests and offerings made by people within our community. But I can only plan things if you let me know what you want to know, or what you can teach. A number of you have reached out to me to offer their knowledge, skills and time, and some have said that they wanted to learn a specific thing, and I have tried to comply.

Classes and learning should not be considered to be limited to Mega-practices, though. We can have group meetings in our homes, grab a few minutes at an event, or even video call (gods bless the internet!) So keep in touch - let me know if you saw someone doing something that you want to do, and I'll see what I can do to "hook you up".

In the meantime, there are plans afoot for sewing lessons at the Mega Practice at New Hope Church scheduled for October 18 - the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Novembers Practice will be needle-felting items - specifically with a Christmas theme to encourage those from New Hope to join in. But don't let that stop you - it's your project... do your own thing.

In the New Year there are (so far) plans for embroidery, hand spinning, throwing pottery and mead-making. But there's so much more to learn!

I'm like a kid in a candy shop!

So contact me, Wydow Kate of the Lake, if you have any ideas, thoughts, plans, questions that we can explore: artsandsciences.risingwaters@gmail.com

Help me make more things possible!!



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Greetings from the Signet

Greetings to the Wonderful People of Rising Waters from your Baronial Signet. We had a our first scribal gathering, and it was a brainstorming session. What do we, as a scribal community, want to do? Our discussion led to many topics, including: scroll blanks, pigment making, ink making, guest speakers (already working on this one!), possible use of skype to include additional scribal artists, and looking at on-paper based scrolls.

Our next scribal gatherings have been scheduled:

- Thursday, Oct. 17th from 7pm to 9pm
- Thursday, Nov 21st from 7pm to 9pm

The gatherings will be held at the Crumphold, at 161 Russell St., in St. Catharines. If you are interested in learning Calligraphy and/or Illumination, or in making scrolls please join us at the scribal gathering! I am also putting together a list of scrolls that are missing, or require replacement (due to loss or damage). If you have received an award from kingdom or barony, but did not receive a scroll, get in ouch with me at signet.risingwaters@gmail.com or call me to let me know.

In Service to the Barony
Bannthegn Sciath ingen Chaennaig



Scroll for Rohais de Guildford, Illumination by Bera Oddsdottir

Greetings from the Office of the Webminister

I would like to put a call out to the peoples of Rising Waters for assistance in ensuring the accuracy of the information that is on our website.

The information within the site has been combed through to look for anything incorrect, dead links, our simply outdated information... but more eyes can find more things to correct.

If you are on the website and notice anything amiss please let me know at webminister.risingwaters@gmail.com

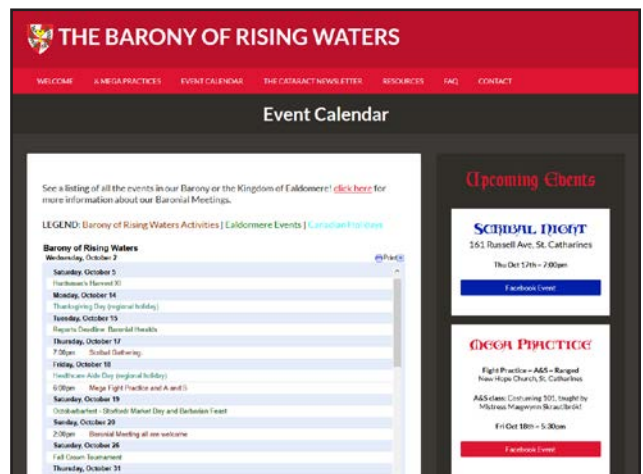
Another coming update to the website is the addition of a searchable database for the Baronial Order of Presedence, and a Baronial Armorial as well. I'm excited about this update and am eager to share it with all of you.

One final change that I would like to share is the method for presenting upcoming events has experienced a facelift as well.

On the right side of the page I have highlighted our upcoming Baronial Events, I am hopeful that this change, and any upcoming ones, will make it much easier for people to find any information they need on the website.

Again, please let me know if you have any feedback on past changes, upcoming planned changes, or even if you have an idea for something entirely new!

YIS,
Lady Bera Oddsdottir
webminister.risingwaters@gmail.com



[see events page](#)

Recent Historical News

Here are some of the latest articles about historical studies and discoveries that might be of interest to our members:



[This Bread Was Made Using 4,500-Year-Old Egyptian Yeast](#)



[Bronze Age Baby Bottles Reveal How Some Ancient Infants Were Fed](#)

Sisters of the Blessed Chalice Outing to Rosewood



Photo: Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Now Seeking:
Baronial Herald

The Barony of Rising Waters is seeking applications for the position of Baronial Herald.

Being the Baronial Herald is a fun position. There is great comradery in the Heraldic Community throughout the SCA. Your basic responsibilities will be to maintain membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and provide proof of membership to Trillium Herald and the Baronial Seneschal. Report quarterly to the Trillium Herald with copies to the Baronial seneschal, the Baron and Baroness and to your files. There is an on line form for this which makes reporting easy. Attend Baronial meetings which occur monthly. Attend events sponsored by the Barony and coordinate field and court heraldry at the event, or arrange for this to be done. Assist individuals with heraldic submissions. Maintain files of reports and correspondence. Maintain the Baronial order of precedence.

Heralds are a great group of people and there are lot of opportunities to learn about heraldry and make fantastic new friends. You do not have to know it all, you will be provided with help. I have included some links to help you get a feel for the community at large.

<https://ecoheralds.weebly.com/>

<http://www.ealdormere.ca/trillium-herald.html>

If you wish to apply please send an email application to both the Baronial Seneschal Baroness Annabelle Makmyllane seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com and the Baroness Sciath ingen Chaennaig risingwaters@gmail.com



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Thrown Weapons: Rúna Sölveigardóttir

Arts and Sciences: TBD

Bardic Arts: TBD

Archery: TBD

Rapier Combat: TBD

Youth Champion: TBD



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