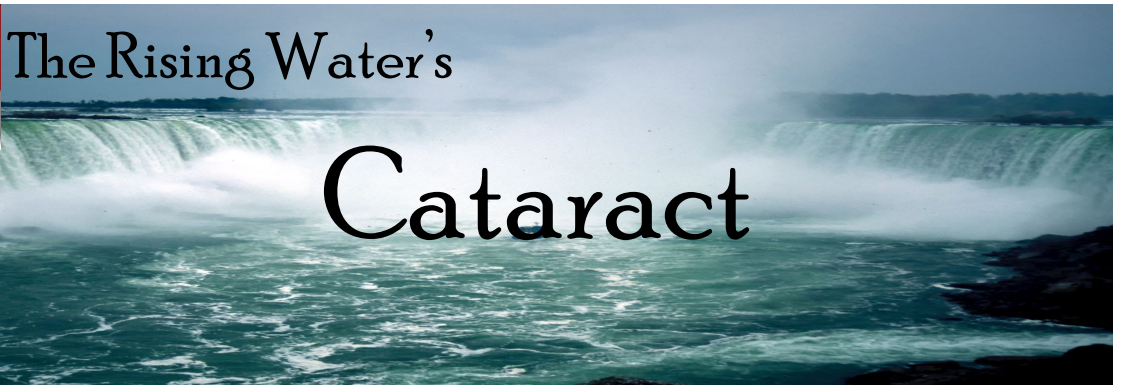




The Rising Water's

# Cataract



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# WHAT IS HAPPENING

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## In the Barony , Kingdom and Beyond

Baronial meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace! Meetings are held at: 39 George Street, St. Catharines Indoor fight Practices are being at Glendale Public School which is located at 24 Farnham Avenue, Welland. These practices are open to anyone who wishes to fight or even just socialize. Baronial Calendar: for more details [http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/event\\_calendar/](http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/event_calendar/)

### **Tuesday, May 1**

Reports Deadline: Canton and Shire Exchequers

6:30pm - Indoor fight practice

### **Friday, May 4**

Out of Kingdom Event: Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: EVEN MORE Stitches in Time!

<http://aethelmearec.org/event/academy-of-st-clare-of-assisi-even-more-stitches-in-time/>

### **Saturday, May 5**

Out of Kingdom Event: Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: EVEN MORE Stitches in Time!

Warrior's Path—<http://skeldergateawarriorspath.weebly.com/>

### **Sunday, May 6**

Out of Kingdom Event: Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: EVEN MORE Stitches in Time!

2:00pm

Baronial Meeting All Welcome

### **Tuesday, May 8**

6:30pm - Indoor fight practice

### **Saturday, May 12**

Lady Mary

<http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/lady-mary-memorial-tournament/>

### **Tuesday, May 15**

Reports Deadline: Baronial Exchequers

6:30pm - Indoor fight practice

### **Thursday, May 17**

7:00pm - Scribal Gathering—39 George Street, St. Catharines

### **Friday, May 18**

Fruits of Our Labors—[angryhat.com/fool](http://angryhat.com/fool)

### **Saturday, May 19**

Fruits of Our Labors

### **Sunday, May 20**

Fruits of Our Labors

### **Monday, May 21**

Fruits of Our Labors

### **Tuesday, May 22**

6:30pm - Indoor fight practice

### **Saturday, May 26**

Spring Crown Tournament— <http://www.trinovantia.org/spring/>

### **Tuesday, May 29**

6:30pm - Indoor fight practice

### **Friday, June 1**

Reports Deadline: A&S

Reports Deadline: KEM Deputies

Reports Deadline: Seneschals

7:00am - Niagara Comic Con

### **Saturday, June 2**

Niagara Comic Con

Pikeman's Pleasure

### **Sunday, June 3**

9:00am - Niagara Comic Con

### **Tuesday, June 5**

A and S Reports due to Baronial Officer.

6:30pm - Outdoor fight practice

### **Thursday, June 7**

Murder Melee—<https://npca.ca/conservation-areas/binbrook>

Reports Deadline: Baronial A&S

### **Friday, June 8**

Murder Melee

### **Saturday, June 9**

Murder Melee

### **Sunday, June 10**

Murder Melee

### **Tuesday, June 12**

6:30pm - Outdoor fight practice

### **Tuesday, June 19**

6:30pm - Outdoor fight practice

### **Thursday, June 21**

7:00pm - Scribal Gathering—39 George Street, St. Catharines

### **Saturday, June 23**

10:00am - Wine Making—39 George Street, St. Catharines

### **Sunday, June 24**

2:00pm

Baronial Meeting all are welcome

### **Monday, June 25**

Officers letter due for the Cataract.

### **Tuesday, June 26**

6:30pm - Outdoor fight practice

### **Thursday, June 28**

War of the Trillium—<https://pribblingsquirrel.wixsite.com/warofthetrillium2018>

### **Friday, June 29**

War of the Trillium

### **Saturday, June 30**

War of the Trillium

### **Sunday, July 1**

War of the Trillium

Reports Deadline: Heralds

### **Monday, July 2**

War of the Trillium

### **Tuesday, July 3**

6:30pm - Outdoor fight practice

Greetings from Baron Dmitri and Baroness Gema,

As we fast approach Lady Mary we are reminded of all those who we are missing at our feast hall. Our thoughts linger like the winter winds on long lost laughter and companionship. We look forward to hearing our halls sing once again. We invite each of you to share a story, a song, or a memory during This Lady Mary Memorial Tournament. As each one lost has carved a place in our hearts and memories.

We once again ask for Award recommendations. Both Baronial and Kingdom. We want to recognise our Baronial members for all their hard work.

Congratulations to our Newly Crowned King Baldric and Queen Brayla. Your connection to our lands and people are strong. We look forward to walking the familiar paths of our lands with you this spring, and travel to distant lands to protect the Wolf this summer.

In Service,

Dmitri and Gema



Seneschal

Spring Greetings to the Barony of Rising Waters,

As I write this in the frozen grip of Early Spring, I look forward to our Premier Event, Lady Mary Memorial Tournament, and anticipate the warmer weather. It is always such a pleasure to work with everyone to see this event come about, there are a few exciting new changes at New Hope Church, the second floor is in and there is an elevator going to it, so be aware of the new layout and enjoy. Our neighbours to the South, Rhyderrich Hael have their Baronial nominations done and The Passing of the Ice Dragon will soon be upon us. There is usually an amazing A&S Display at this event so if you can make it, that is only one of the myriad reasons to go. I look forward to working with everyone for a successful Lady Mary and hope to see you all at an A&S class or two in the coming Spring.

YIS,  
Annabelle Makmyllane



Greetings good people of Rising Waters. How about that spring weather? Well good news it will be warm soon and with the warm weather comes outdoor fight practices again..

We will be indoors until the end of May. Next month is our annual Lady Mary Memorial Tournament Saturday, May 12 at 10 AM - 10 PM New Hope Church Niagara This is a great event, so I hope to see everyone out.

In Service Baronial Marshal, Lord Hidetoro

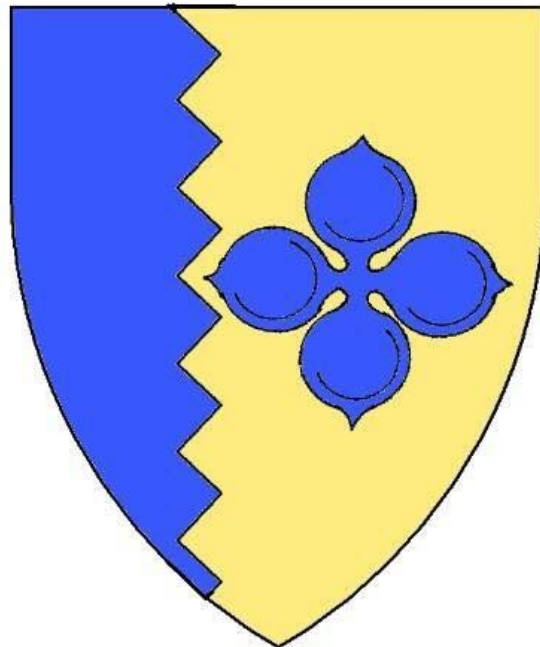


Greetings from your Baronial Herald.

I thought I would start a contest. Not sure what the prize is, I will discuss that with the winner so it is personal.

Part of my job is heraldry education. So I am starting with our Barony. I am going to post two devices. I want people to identify who they belong to and if they can for a bonus blazon them. I would like you to email me the answer at the baronial email address. Everyone who emails me the correct answer will have their names put in a hat and I will draw one winner. That makes it so anyone can win. The only disqualifier is that if this is your heraldry you cannot enter for that round. I want to do this with every issue of the Cataract. The answer will be in the following Cataract with two new devices.

First two:



Good Luck!

This year's Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium is hosted by the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands and the Shire of Sunderoak in the Kingdom of Æthelmearc, from June 8-10, 2018.

<http://www.debatablelands.org/KWHS/>

The Heraldic Courses so far are:

Precedence Herald's Roundtable - A round table discussion regarding Order of Precedence.

A First Look at Oscar 2.0 - Help us test the new Oscar 2.0! We will show what it will look like and would like feedback.

Processing Submission Forms - This class will discuss how to properly input the needed information from submission form into OSCAR.

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So You Want to Be a Royal Court Herald? ~ Many factors go into heralding a Royal Court. It is not just about being loud, but keeping things interesting while making your Crown look good.

This class will explore several factors of this, and will also offer newcomers a chance to try-out various aspects of heralding a court.

Heraldry Simplified – Armorial – The basics of armorial design made simpler for those who are not experienced in heraldry

Simple Guide to Household Names ~ This class reviews the rules for creating and registering household names in various languages, along with the relevant precedents. We will work through specific examples of how to research and submit such names.

It's a TRAP! -- Avoiding traps in the Complex Search form ~ Using the Complex Search form to find conflicts for a piece of armory can be a great time saver. It can also be a way to go really wrong very quickly. Students in this class will learn about coding traps, and how to avoid them, especially when coding for more complicated armory (split-type charge groups, etc.)

Digital Heraldic Art ~ What I have learned ~ I am NOT a cyber artist. I prefer to draw emblazons with a pencil and technical pen on a piece of paper. But we live in a technical age and it is slowly enfolding us. I have been working with digital media for several months now and I want to both share what I have learned and invite others to discuss this media with me.

Drawing Heraldic Art ~ The basics of drawing heraldic art for an emblazon (a device or badge). Basic heraldic artistry plus reviewing some of the specific requirements for the SCA.

The Customer is Always Right... Even When They Are Wrong: A Heraldic Consultation Customer Service Panel ~ The panelists will host a discussion on the finer points of interacting with clients at a heraldic consultation table. Topics may include, but will not be limited to: how to steer clients towards period names and armory, how to keep them involved during the process, and how to tell clients "no" and make them thank you.

So you want to become a Silent Herald?!? ~ Information shared on the responsibilities of a Silent Herald

Silent Herald Round Table ~ A chance to discuss Silent Herald activities within your kingdom.

If you want to teach a heraldic class you should submit your ideas to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZgi1pxULi2uV7Q11xIqSKJN9suNgs48Z9qTZbS9tNBx9FSw/viewform>

Yours in Service

Aibhilin



From Signet

Our scribal gatherings have been really well attended, and we have a few new wonderful calligraphers and painters joining our corps of scroll makers. This is just in time for preparations for the Lady Mary Memorial Tournament. Our Scribal Gatherings take place at 39 George 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! There is no requirement for you to bring material or tools to your first gathering – I have you covered!

*Our next Scribal Gathering, scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, will focus on putting together scrolls for Lady Mary!*

Don't forget to register for this year's Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium is hosted by the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands and the Shire of Sunderoak in the Kingdom of Æthelmearc. The Symposium is from June 8-10, 2018. The event is near the Pennsic War location, and so within easy driveable distance!

The Adult Event Registration is \$45 and Adult Member Discount Event Registration is \$40. Registration include the Friday Night Reception, Saturday Lunch, and light snacks at the Hospitality Suite. No other meals are included. Save \$5 off the above by sending in your registration on or before May 31st, 2018! For those only attending on Sunday (no pre-registrations), the Adult Sunday-Only Event Registration is \$15 and the Adult Sunday-Only Member Discount Event Registration is \$10. Registration for all youth under the age of 18 is free.

Classes scheduled so far include:

Emaki, the illustrated scrolls of Japan

Rotunda "Traced Letters" a la Bocskay (86.MV.527.1)

Making Scroll Mistakes Marvelous

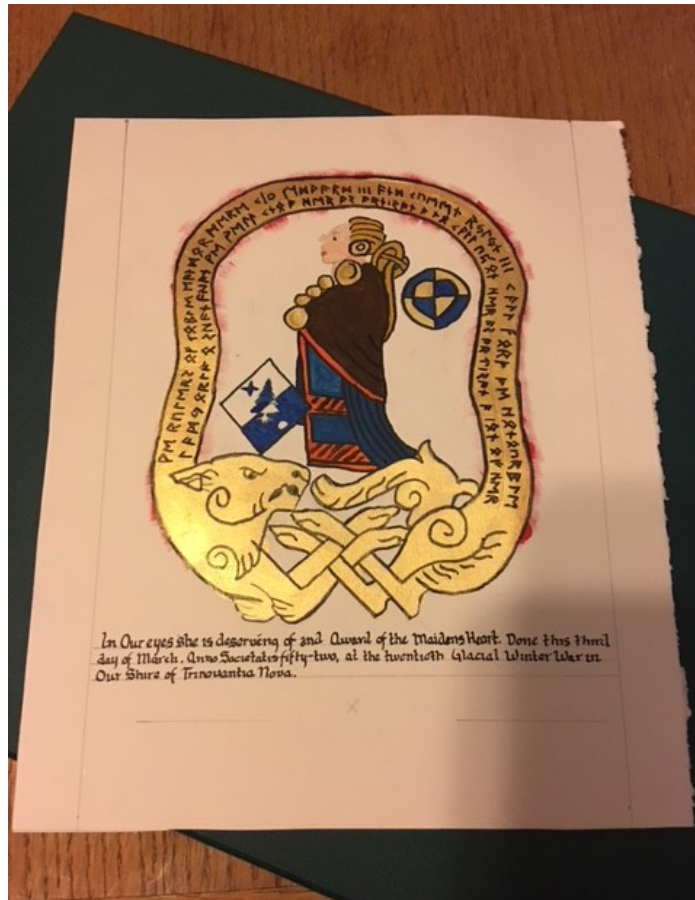
Insular Awards

Marginalia through the ages

Get in touch with me at [signet.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:signet.risingwaters@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are just keen to learn more about scribal arts.

In Service to the Barony,  
ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Scroll by Sciath ingen Chaennaig,



Greetings,

In the recent past have had some fun making Carnival Masks and Bera and I got together to play with some clay. There will be more opportunities for creative play in the near future. Please look for up-coming classes in the Event Calendar on the Baronial website <http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/>.

There will be a Populous A&S Competition at Lady Mary. Bring your handy work for us all to see. The winner will be determined by bean count.

Also at "Lady Mary Memorial Tournament on May 12th, Monna ([Laura Battista](#)) and Asa are pleased to host "Ca' del Lupo Bianco", a salon in the Italian fashion.

Please bring your crafts and activities to share, and join us in leisure to learn about fine late-period dressing, revel in rich silks and enjoy a library of inspiring books. A selection of Venetian and Italian clothes will be on display." ~ taken from FB post by Eve Harris.

FOOL(Fruits of our Labours) is coming up the weekend after Lady Mary. This is a camping weekend where there are 2 days of A&S classes... See the Kingdom Event Calendar for details. <http://www.ealdormere.ca/>

Stay tuned, more A&S to come.

YIS,

Lady Rohais de Guildeford

Baronial A&S Minister

A picture of our Newest Kingdom  
A and S champion hard at work!  
ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig





# MASK MAKING IN THE BARONY

## BY LADY ROHAIS DE GUILDEFORD



The results

The Process



Chatelaine

Warm Greetings to the Barony of Rising Waters,

Just a reminder that we decided to do a small Library Demo next April 6, 2019 1100-1400 at the St. Catharines Library on James Street, so if you have something you love to do and want to show it off, start thinking about it, time can get away from you quickly. With the warmer weather comes outings season, so I am open to suggestion of any outings that folks may want to do this Summer. Also, remember, when you participate in any SCA function and you are in public view, you are an ambassador for your Barony and Kingdom, be polite and kind. It is always fun to talk to someone who is passionate about their chosen subject, but be sure to let folks who are interested ask a question. :)

YIS,  
Annabelle Makmyllane

### Your Opinion Might Matter

Years ago, a teenager asked me my opinion of the name she was considering. My knee-jerk reaction was that it was not a name I would have liked to be known as. She gave up on that name and picked something simpler and Nordic. But who was I, really, to have made that decision for her? Sure, I was older, but not much wiser.

Then several years later, I went to a meeting at Pennsic about costuming in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. I was the only person to attend, so I and the lady who was hosting the meeting chatted for about half an hour. At that point I was considering that my persona was a traveller, and had been making plans to try out several styles of 12<sup>th</sup> century clothing based on the countries I would have visited. I even, at her suggestion, joined the Yahoo group for 12<sup>th</sup> century garb. I read it eagerly for about a month, then came across a comment by this lady, basically making fun of my plans and calling them inappropriate. I left that group, and have done little in the way of costuming or sewing since. The excitement had been squashed, and I have avoided contact with the lady ever since.

Perhaps I am being over-sensitive, but egos are fragile. I would like to think that I have been encouraging, for the most part. I can only hope that my opinions over the years, considered or flippant, have not similarly hurt or discouraged people. If/when they have, I sincerely apologize.

Baroness Ariadne Athingana of Ravenglass

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