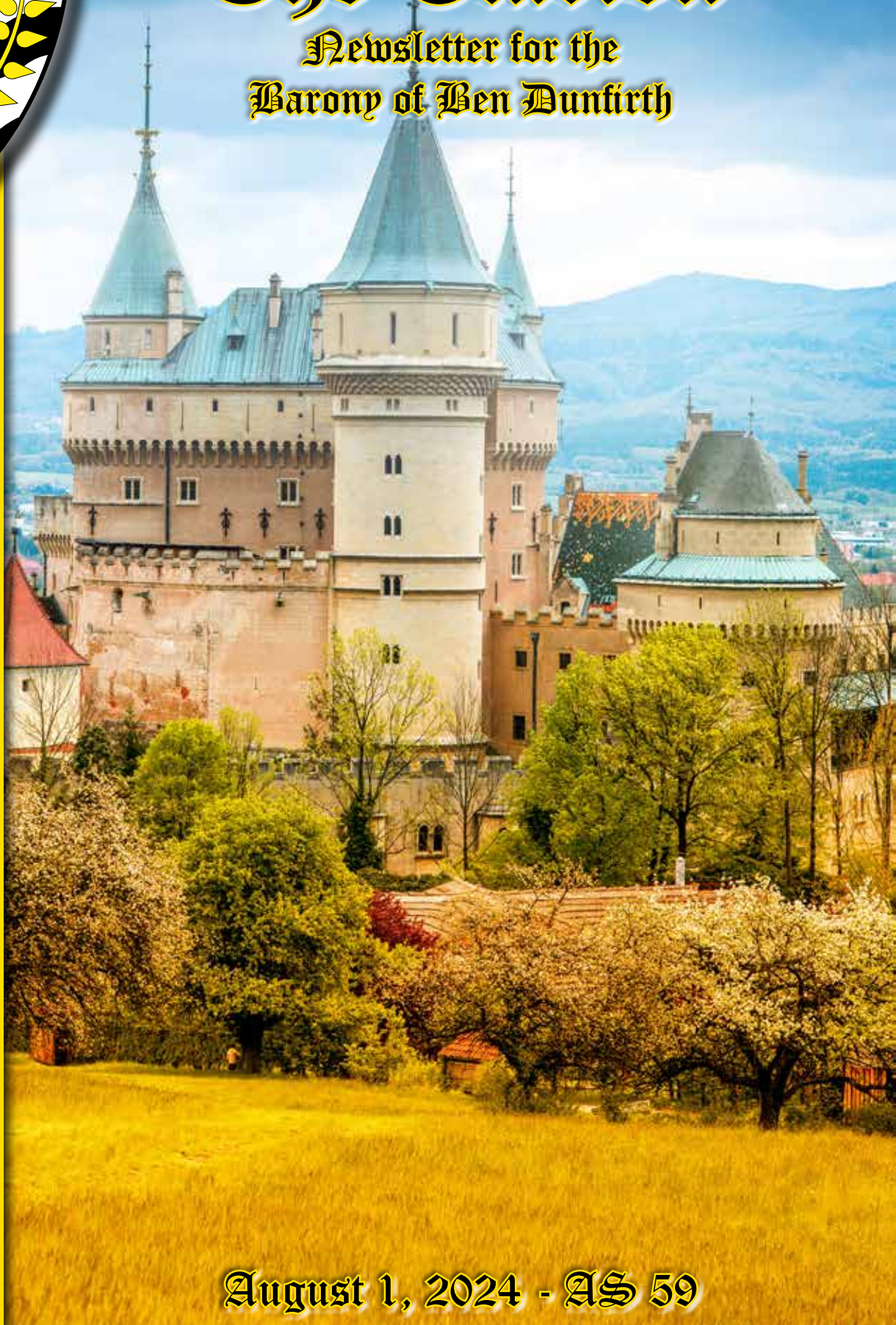


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Newsletter for the
Barony of Ben Dunfirth



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From Their Excellencies

Greetings to Ben Dunfirth From Your Benevolent Baroness and Baron

Unto the populace of our fair Barony, do We, Jørgen and Meredyth send greetings.

Summer has arrived and it is hot! Hopefully everyone is staying cool and trying to not get too much sun as we progress through these very warm months.

Having recently realized a huge success with our Murder Melee event at our new location this year we are excited to see what is in store for next year. So many people extended their appreciation for an amazing event. We wanted to again thank all the staff and volunteers for putting together what many are calling the premiere camping event in the Kingdom.

Finishing the majority of spring events, we now turn our attention to the great war at Pennsic and all the many events taking place there. Our own Baron Brand is being Knighted, so if you are attending make sure to see this in person; he promises that it will be short and to the point! Also our Seneshal Howell will be performing as part of the show being put on by the Pennsic Players. We encourage all to take in one of these shows; they are really well done and a lot of fun. Due to our own circumstances we will not be in attendance this year, but we wish everyone great weather and an amazing time.

As always we make a special request to our populace; we would greatly appreciate any award recommendation you have to share. Unfortunately we cannot be everywhere all the time, so if you see someone doing something you feel they should be recognized for let us know!

In kind and faithful service to the Barony and Kingdom,
Their Excellencies Jørgen and Meredyth
Baronials of Ben Dunfirth



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War Season is Upon Us!

Please enjoy this Summer edition of the Ben Dunfirth Clarion!

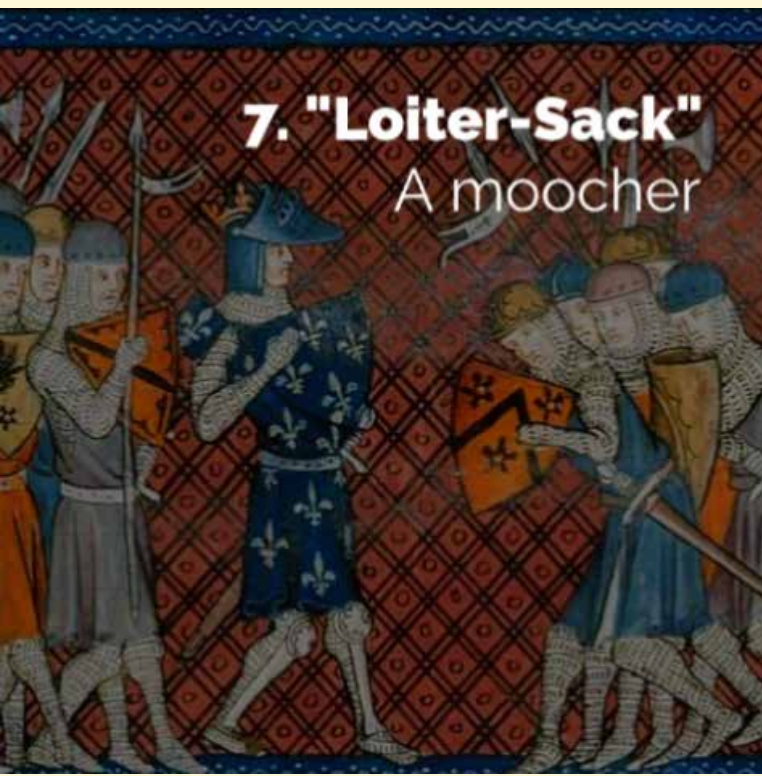
Pennsic is just around the corner as of the time of this missive! Pack your bags, sew your final garments, fix your armour, and make sure it all fits in your conveyance (and then repack when it doesn't)...and for those who sadly can't make Pennsic this year, we have the "Pennsic Pity Party", AKA Murder Muster, happening the August long weekend in Merlin.

Post-Pennsic, we have some exciting events coming up, such as Middle Ages on the Green, Gwyl y Fflam-Autumn Flames, Stone the Crows, Brawl in the Fall IV, and most exciting of all, we welcome the Barony of Rising Waters to our lands to host the Coronation of Their Highnesses Crispin and Anne at Rockton Fairgrounds in September!

Huntsman's Harvest, our favourite one-day event in our Barony, is once again the first weekend in October; we hope you will come join us at the Germania Club! With archery, thrown weapons, and the spectacle of the Hungry Barbarian Tournament, this event continues to be a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends or bring along new ones.

Lastly but certainly not least, introducing Ascelyn of Ben Dunfirth as my Deputy Chronicler! We have worked on this edition together (so you know who to blame, heh..), and we hope that they will be the official Chronicler as of the Autumn edition (HE Meredyth needs a wee break!)

- HE Meredyth, Ben Dunfirth Chronicler



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Ben Dunfirth Honours and Awards:

Awarded at the Coronation of Evander II
and Marioun II (April 27, 2024):

Her Grace Hyrrokin

Queen's Favour

Sachen Byed

Maiden's Heart

HE Brand Thorwaldsen

Writ for the Order of Chivalry

Awarded at Murder Melee
(June 8, 2024):

Cavan of Ben Dunfirth

Award of Arms

Mihko Pisim (Ren)

Boar's Tusk

Keevah McCloud

Baron's Favour

Gabriel of Ben Dunfirth

Baroness' Favour

David of Ben Dunfirth

Ivory Saber

HE Don the Duckman

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Jack Mungo the Pyrate

Marque of the Rising Phoenix

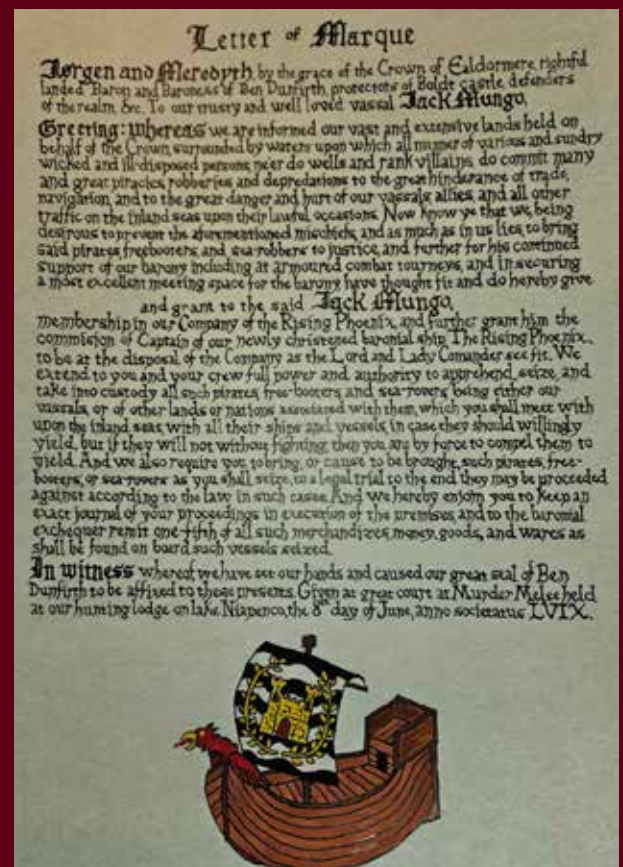
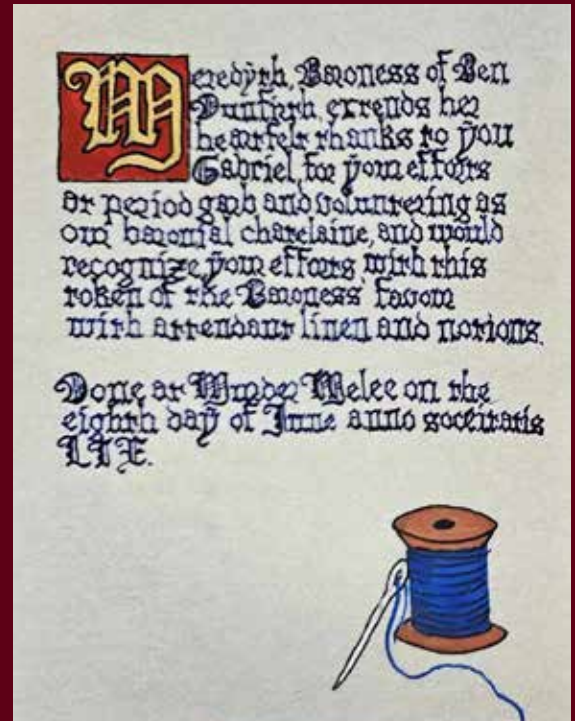
Awarded at War of the Trillium
(June 29, 2024):

Hittorei na Sabarou Akihira

Award of the Orion

Jack Mungo the Pyrate

Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer



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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
- Willemstad, Curacao
- Basseterre, St. Kitts
- Colorado Springs, Colorado



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Events Calendar

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024: 9am-close

Event: **Sockburner!**

Location: Odessa Agricultural Society, 123 Main Street, Odessa, ON

Description: The Crew of the Bleek Paard, sponsored by The Stronghold of Greyfells, invites one and all to nautical themed event. Squires: Bring your oars! Fighting, fencing - indoors or (hopefully) outdoors. Thrown weapons (weather depending). Laurel vigils onsite.

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024: 10am-5pm

Event: **Paardenbloem Festival**

Location: Furnace Falls Farm, 504 Old Briar Hill Rd, Lyndhurst, ON

Description: Come help us celebrate the spring, with a festival inspired by Dutch/Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel's works of peasant life and celebrations! Decor, dancing and Dutch treats will be enjoyed by all. Just like the Dutch master's paintings hold more than meets the eye, this event will offer a range of activities throughout the site. Laurel Vigils onsite.

Hosted By: The Barony of Althing

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024: 9:30am-8pm

Event: **Coronation of King Evander II and Queen Marioun II and Septentrian Investiture**

Location: Victoria Park Armoury, 210 Kent St W, Lindsay, ON

Description: Come celebrate the Coronation of King Evander II and Queen Marioun II, and the continuation of the Line of the North. Witness the Investiture of the new Baronial nobles of Septentria. Feast onsite.

Hosted By: "Brand and Friends", sponsored by the Shire of Bastille du Lac

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024: 9am-10pm

Event: **Lady Mary Memorial Tournament**

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

Description: Armoured Combat Tournament, Fencing Tournament, Archery Tournament, Thrown Weapons Tournament, Silent Auction, Bardic Competition. Feast available.

Hosted By: The Barony of Rising Waters

Date: May 17-20, 2024

Event: **FOOL (Fruits of our Labours) XVII**

Location: (Scouts Canada) Camp Impeesa, 827559 Township Rd 8, Drumbo, ON

Description: A&S classes, more classes and maybe some archery, thrown weapons and martial activities. Lots of free camping space and trails. Flushies and showers available

Hosted By: The Canton of Byrniau Twynnog



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Ben Dunfirth Business Meetings (7pm)/Fight Practices (7:30-10pm) June-August 2024:
Mondays at The Aviary, 85 ak Knoll Drive, Hamilton, ON L8S 4C2

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Events Calendar (continued)

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024: 9:30am-8pm

Event: **Spring Crown Tournament**

Location: Brampton Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Rd, Caledon ON

Description: Spring Crown Tournament for the Kingdom of Ealdormere, and Their Majesties Evander II and Marioun II. Merchanting, Thrown Weapons, Archery, Youth Activities, Fencing. Feast tickets available.

Hosted By: The Canton of Monadh

Date: June 6-9, 2024

Event: **Murder Melee in the Meadow XXXIX**

Location: Germania Club Hunting and Fishing Lodge, 4240 Trinity Church Rd, Hamilton, ON

Description: Come camp, fight, fence, arch and throw weapons! New location this year! Yes, the same site at which we enjoy Huntsman's Harvest. High Tea, mead tasting and scriptorium. High Court on Saturday.

Hosted By: The Barony of Ben Dunfirth

Date: June 21-23, 2024, Friday @3pm-Sunday @4pm

Event: **Baron's Brouhaha**

Location: 973 Concession Rd 8, Tiverton, ON

Description: There will be thrown weapons, rapier and armored combat. Saturday afternoon will end in a great hall potluck feast. Campfires with bardic circles and much merriment will occur on Friday and Saturday nights.

Hosted By: The Canton of Northgeatham

Date: June 28-July 1, 2024

Event: **Trillium Wars: No Frillies Trillies**

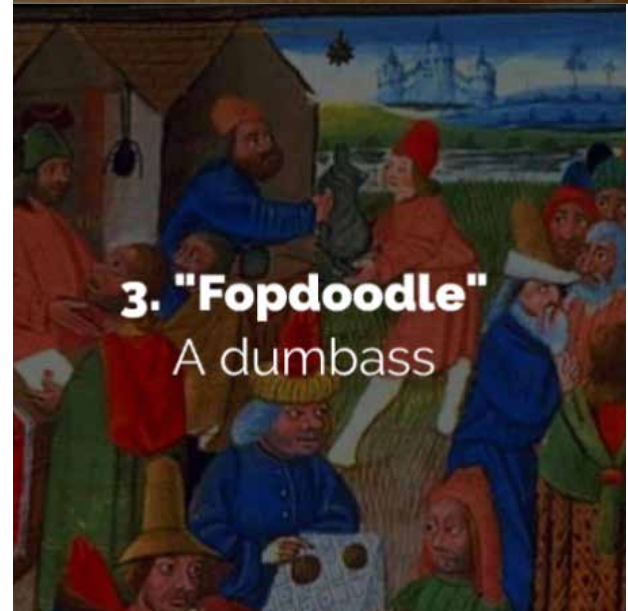
Location: 611 6th Line, Havelock, ON

Description: War Practice including armoured combat, archery, rapier and thrown weapons. Also featuring A&S pursuits, merchants, bardic and children's activities.

Hosted By: The Canton of Ard Chreag



2. "Driggle-Draggle"
A dirty woman



3. "Fopdoodle"
A dumbass

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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 either myself or my Deputy Ascelyn 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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