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May Events: Egils 22-25th, May Crown 15-18th, Tir Righ Coronet 22-24th



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5 Revels 7:00pm-9:30pm	6	7 DM Fighter Practice 2pm
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KINGDOM AND SHIRE CURIA



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FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings everyone and I hope your Spring has gone well. Carnevale has come and gone and we've all been very busy. I myself have felt fairly swamped with things and not been a very good Chronicler as a result. Hopefully now that some things are in an actual swing I'll be able to do better.

In this issue it is going to be very small. The next one I promise will be more flushed out, but I had to hurry this time around to get things done. Hopefully you won't be too disappointed in my lack of fluff for this edition.

As always if you have anything you want announced to the shire or if there is anything that has to be published before a business meeting I need to be informed of it before the 20th of the previous month. I'm attempting to do this so that we can get these out on time. Thank you and blessings to all

Anastasia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

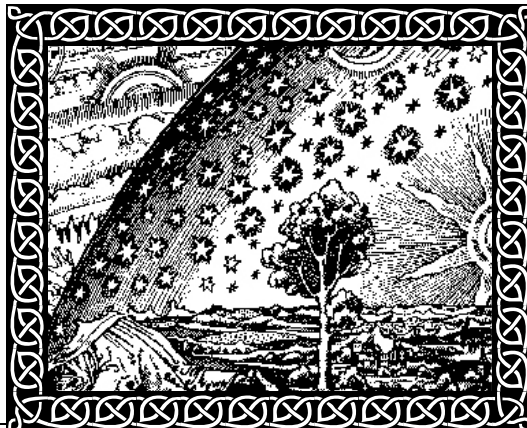
Do you have an event idea for the upcoming year? If so then our Seneschal has encouraged us to put it forth at the Business meetings. If you cannot make them, I am sure there are many who would be willing to bring your proposal to the meetings. Make sure you have a clear written idea of what you want, a time of the year the event would be held, and whether it would be a weekend or a one day.

If you have not already, please join the DM Baronial Discussion board on yahoo groups. The address is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dmbaronialdiscussion/>

We as a Shire cannot make the decision as a whole unless everyone participates. So please, come and give your opinion whether for, against, or indifferent. There are also some files on the group with great information that everyone is encouraged to read if they haven't done so yet. Also you should be able to read through the past discussions, though be warned some did get a bit acerbic. Remember, we're all in this together. Thank you.

The Dragon's Tongue will be going through some changes as far as subscriptions are concerned. According to the rules governing local newsletters we cannot have a free digital copy, and paid subscriptions. As a result those with subscriptions will be receiving a refund. Anyone who wants a printed copy is to contact the Chronicler so that I may get you a copy printed. The Dragon's Tongue will still be published every month on the Dragon's Mist website for electronic view.



LETTERS OF INTENT

Unto the People of the Shire of Dragon's Mist and our esteemed Knight Marshall,

I, Drogo, do hereby tender my letter of Intent for the position of Deputy to the Knight Marshall for the martial sport of Archery. What I bring to this position is a deep and abiding love of the sport of Archery and an ever growing degree of knowledge. I have participated at the Youth Archery practices as well as have assisted in last year's Youth Defenders Tournament at DMDT. I have also participated in the Sunday practices in Canby and attended some of the archery guilds classes. Archery has become a passion for me and wish to see it flourish in our fair shire. Should I be accepted by the Peoples of Dragon's Mist and the Knight Marshall, I shall vow to make every reasonable attempt to further the Martial Sport of Archery in the Shire of Dragon's Mist. With your approval, I place myself at your service.

In The Service of the Shire

Drogo

To all and sundry, The people of the Shire of Dragon's Mist!

I would like to take a moment of your time to announce my intent to run for the position of Chatelaine in our Shire.

My name is Joseph Dé Merrick. Many of you know me, though there may be some who do not. I have been active in the SCA for many years, and have been a member of Dragon's Mist for the last two years. I have come to know many of you and I have come to know, well, who does what. This is remarkably helpful as the position of Chatelaine is our first line for new members.

My Lady and I have hosted the Dragon's Mist Revel on Friday evenings quite a few times and have come to know many new members as well as members who have been with us for years. We are both very active, and plan on staying this way.

I am an outgoing person, I like to help new people, and I have always been very energetic about our Society. I feel that, should you approve of my as your Chatelaine, you will find me well suited for this job

I am looking forward to working with you, and I thank you for your time.

In Service to our Shire, and to the Society,

Joseph Dé Merrick.

Embellishment? What's That?

by HL Giana Visconti
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Have you ever added trim to your garb? Embroidered a drawstring pouch? Added lace to a headscarf or cuff? Painted or tooled a bit of leather? Or maybe carved or painted a wooden box? That's embellishment.

According the *American Heritage Dictionary*, to embellish is “to make beautiful, as by ornamentation; decorate.” And embellishment is “the act of embellishing or the state of being embellished. Something that embellishes; a decoration.” In short, embellishment is making things more beautiful, and people have been doing it since the beginning of time.

So what sorts of things fall into the category of embellishment? One of the first things we usually think of is embroidery. All of the numerous forms of embroidery—opus anglicanum, or nué, canvas work, blackwork, cross stitch—are types of embellishment. But they aren't the only forms of embellishment.

Embellishment also includes things like appliqué, beadwork, many types of leatherwork, metalwork, woodworking, fabric painting, knitting, quilting, braiding, lace work, tablet and inkle weaving, ceramic work, or any other form of decorating an object.

In the Embellishers' Guild, we bring together people who love doing embellishment in any form. Through challenges and contests, displays, largesse projects, and just getting together for “show and tell,” we encourage each other, teach each other, and motivate each other so we can spread our art throughout the Kingdom and the Known World. But mostly we gather together to share the joy of embellishing. We hope you'll join in the fun!

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