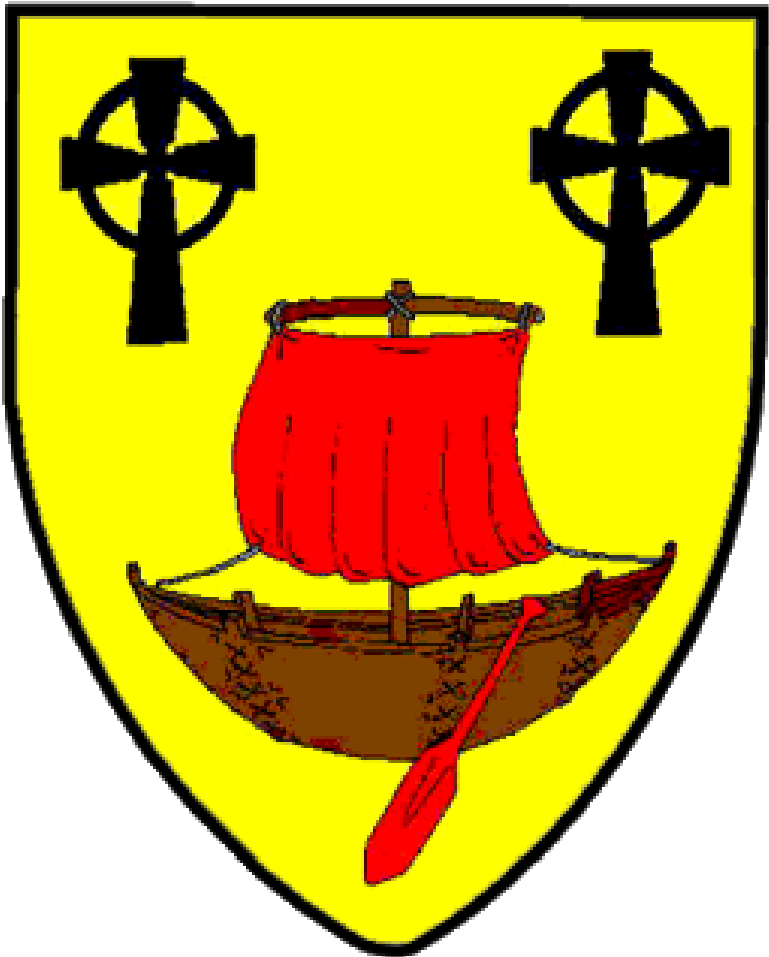


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In Memoriam – Ciaran Cluana Ferta
mka – Brian Peter Russell
1952-2008, CE.

Beloved Friend to many, Teacher to some
and Herald nonpariel



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From The Chronicler

*In memory of Ciaran Cluana Ferta
Sebastian zem Sterne, JdL*

When I heard of the passing of our friend, my mundane self was at work, as I typically am for event weekends, so adding to my list of regrets is the regret that I wasn't able to see him at the last.

For about three quarters of a year, Ciaran had been making my house a stop on Wednesdays; I have long been his student, and we were embarking on a signature project; the creation of a roll of arms for the Battle of Barnet. This was to be a research project involving securing materials that were as close to actual Period materials as possible, or making them if possible. I had it in my sights to create my own tempera.

This is what Ciaran meant to a lot of people who knew him. I would not have had the vision to try and create such a thing, but he did and he knew it would be suited to the talents that I had – talents that he, himself had encouraged.

For a great long time I played about at SCA life, going to the occasional event, enjoying the party. After a while, I wanted just a bit more. At that time, Ciaran came along. He had an uncanny knack for guessing how a person could fit into the group. Even before I trained as a graphic designer, he noticed I liked drawing. He encouraged me to do heraldic art, inducing me from there to create a book that contains every heraldic device that every branch of the Kingdom of AnTir claimed. This was presented



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Officer Reports – August 2008

Seneschal – HL Fionnabhair inghean Donnchaidh Guthrie

Your Shire needs YOU! The Office of Seneschal of the Shire of Dragon's Mist is open and accepting LETTERS OF INTENT. Letters are due by the Shire Meeting this Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 7:00 PM. Letters should be posted to the chat groups and brought to the meeting to be presented by the Shire members. Selection of Seneschal will take place at our October Shire meeting, October 8, 2008.

Our Shire DMDT, held on August 1,2,3, 2008, was a great success with victorious new Defenders chosen to protect our lands through the coming year. The site was beautiful, the weather lovely, the fellowship and remembrances heartwarming. Huzzah! To the Autocrat and her amazing team for a job very, very well done.

DMDT business - please remember that a report on the event is needed at the upcoming meeting and anyone with receipts or business germane to the event should bring or send their information to Wednesday's meeting.

Shire Officers - are requested to post their reports to the chat groups prior to the meeting, and to bring or to send their reports to be presented at the meeting.

During the past month I attended DMDT where I enjoyed watching the pitched battle of worthy opponents in several of the tournaments; and, with the most knowledgeable guidance of Shire Herald, HL Meadhbha, was privileged to Install our New Defenders and present several well-deserved Dragon Scales of recognition!

I traveled last weekend to the Autumn War where I captained the Iron Needle Team for the Noble Barony of Stromgard; said team of 12 needleworkers (including talented members of our Shire; Lady Angela, Lady Cara, Lady Lisette, and Lady Dianna) stitching victorious to win the War Point! Our own Lady Cara also received Honorable Mention in the brewing competition for her delicious Pear Cinnamon cordial. Huzzah!

If you have items for the Shire Meeting Agenda, please send them to me before noon on Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

Chatelaine – Matilda Beresford

2nd Quarter Chatelaine Report was sent to Regional Deputy on 7/13/08;

I hosted Friday Night Revels on 7/11/08 and 8/8/08. Turnout has been great (for Tourney Season!) and many folks have offered ideas for upcoming Revels. I'd like to have another Feast Season Refresher Night at Revels before we swing into full gear. Please let me know if you're interested in give a 10-15 mins. talk on feast gear, feast etiquette, potluck food ideas, etc. with questions afterwards - You all *know* the drill! ;-D

to King Skepti, and from there, I stayed heraldically inclined.

Ciaran was a great storehouse of knowledge, information, and gentle inspiration that we, all who knew him, helped ourselves to as we would – and something he gave of himself gladly, without complaint or care. He supported others, putting the spur in when necessary, offering the shoulders upon which we all stood to created and forward our visions, dreams, and works.

Ciaran Cluana Ferta was more than a fellow “Mistie”; more than just another Herald. To me, he was part of the heart and soul which made the SCA, and particularly Dragons Mist, the kind of place I could repeatedly come back to and feel at home.

He believed in me as a student, and was steadfast in mainining that I had something to offer, even when I thought I didn't. His tilted sense of humor and he endless reserve of stories made him the quintessential conversationalist. His passion for Heraldry, and even moreso, music (he held two Masters degrees and studied at Oxford University) was the sort of thing inspiration was made of.

He inspired loyalty and consternation, but whether one liked what he had to say or didn't, I knew of no one who would ever discount his considerable and inimitable presence and the benefit it was to have him as one of our own.

All of us will remember him in various ways; friend, adversary, colleague; the voice Heralds of AnTir will remember him as the unit against which all voices must be measured (ask any voice talent who knew him about the “milliCiaran”).

I personally will remember him as a mentor, a tutor, a friend, and only now, I am sad to say, looking on him in the rear-view, a brother. I regret not having him now, but I'd regret more never having known him.

On 20th July, AS 44, Ciaran Cluana Ferta became an indelible part of Dragons Mist's history. But wherever you hear a voice call in these parts, wherever you see a Herald giving their all, he too will be there.

I was at DMDT 8/1-3/08. Congratulations to everyone for a great event! I'd personally like to thank Shanalynn and Joseph for stepping up so quickly as new members of our shire and helping make DMDT a success!

Beaverton Farmers Market Demo: I emailed the Chatelaines of 3M, Stromgard and Mountain Edge inviting them to attend. I also emailed the Seneschal of Kaldor and Acting Seneschal of our fledging SCA Hood River group Hawksgard with information regarding the Demo (neither group has a Chatelaine at this time, thus the contact with their Seneschals).

Four newcomers have contacted me in the past month (new to the area, not the SCA). Newcomers Yahoo group is active. We have 452 members! From the bottom of my heart, Thank You for the Dragon's Scale!

YIS, Matilda Beresford, DM Chatelaine

Business Items:

Clipboards - 12 donated to shire, in the trailer as of 8/3/08

Upcoming Revels Schedule

DM Yule Potluck Feast - Tentatively scheduled for December 5th at Revels

Exchequer – Tristan macGregor

Not much to report yet. Q2 report was submitted on time - Yeah! Hope to have some news about numbers from DMDT at the meeting. I will put it out in an official report next month but it sounds like things went well.

I am proud to report that Magdalaina <sp?> has agreed to be my contingency deputy. I will begin training her with the Q3 report and the year end "Doomsday" report. After that my time will be up and maybe she would like to step up into the office (hint, hint). She has tons of experience as an accountant so our stuff should be a breeze.

I think that is all for now. Hope to see everyone at the shire meeting.

Herald – Meadhbha inghean Bhrain Mbuilleoir, GdS

I must beg your forgiveness as I failed the Shire at Dragon's Mist Defender's Tournament. Not all of the schedule changes were announced and as such, people missed the opportunity to enter Dragon in Any Medium Contest. I am profoundly sorry that this happened.

As a result I feel it is necessary to spell out Voice heraldry policies of this office for my successor.

1. Town Cries will go out on schedule and it is the responsibility of those with items to announce to make sure the herald is aware of them.

2. Once the cards have gone out, any additional items will have to wait till the next cry.

3. Any schedule changes must be communicated to the herald in a timely manner so that the changes may be announced on time so that attendees can revise their own schedules.

4. Only authorized heralds may make official town cries about the event. Authorized heralds are known by their baldric or tabbard.

5. Any crass comerial announcement may be made by a hired herald but they (as well as everyone else) will respect the Shire by being silent when the herald is on the List Field conducting their job. (Particularly when invoking the Lists.)

Thank you. This will help events run more smoothly.

Congratulations to Matilda Beresford, Lady Claire de Burgh, HL Teceangl Bach, Dame Guiliana Benevoli, Lord Johannes Konradsson, on their Dragon's Scales.

Our new defenders are: A&S - Teceangl Bach; Youth Archery - Rossalina de Barbuzza; Archery - Jared the Younger; Rapier - Selvaggia Tomassi; Heavy - George Slade the Dragon.

In service, Meadhbha inghean Bhrain Mhuilleoir, GdS, Dragon's Mist Pursuivant

There are a couple of addendums to this report.

Firs of all exceptions to the Voice heraldry policy made be made for genuine emergencies (ie. Fire, flood, ambulance, or lost children),but those will be decided by the site owner, event steward,seneschal, shire reeve, chiergeon, and or the herald.

Secondly I was remiss in not thanking HL Havoise de Rohan for the lovely new Shire Tabbard. It is truly a work of art. If you have notseen this thing of heraldic beauty please come and see it at Beaverton Farmer's Market demo. (I will also be wearing it on the field at September Crown if any is in attendance then. It is kingdom's policy that as branches are held of the king that branch tabbards are acceptable on the field.) Havoise, your work is greatly appreciated.

Directory Deputy – Mistress Arlys o Gordon

Greetings all. The Directory is officially Out and available for sale for \$2. As is the case with all Directories, there is already new information and an addendum page is available at no charge.

In service to the shire, Mistress Arlys o Gordon, OL, OP

Waterbearer – Lisette de la Rose

I'm happy to report that DMDT was a fantastic time for waterbearing. We had one adult and one child volunteer. Many Thanks to puppy and brianne. The fighters stayed well hydrated as did the fencers. The archers had supplies brought up to them and even the youth boffer tournament had its own personal waterbearer (brianne). I am starting preparation work for Acorn war and the Beaverton Farmers Market Demo and I am looking forward to seeing more of the wonderful fighters in our shire at fighter practice.

Unity, Jamie Bear / Lisette De La Rose

Arts & Sciences – Johannes Konradsson

I have been indisposed in the past few months with several deaths and very serious family matters.

I attended DM DT. A hearty thank-you to Mistress Arlys and for all who assisted her for handling the A&S Competitions. Her willingness to step in at what became a critical time for me is highly appreciated.

Her report has been posted on both lists and is excellent.

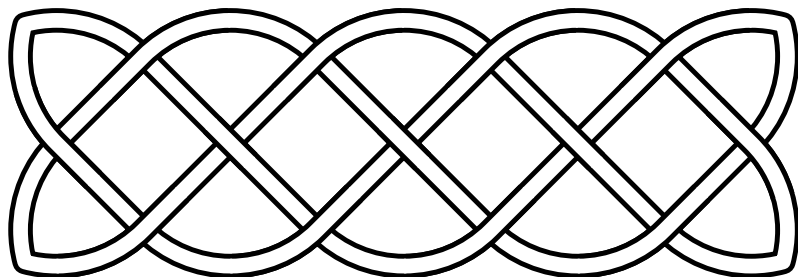
I call again for the shire to send me information and ideas that they would like to see. I'm trying to get a feel for what the shire wants, but to date, I have only received one email. I cannot do my job without more input from the populace, so please feel free to spam me with your ideas and what you would like to see.

Chronicler – Sebastian zem Sterne

(remarks delivered verbally at last Shire Meeting) With the September issue I am planning on publishing and mailing a paper copy of the DT as well as making it available on line.

Deadline for submissions to this issue is the 25th of August. Intended publication date is before the end of the first week of September.

Addendum: Regardless of the actual date of layout completion, this issue is expected to be in the mails by the next Shire Meeting.



Seneschal Applications

Chronicler's Note: With the passing of HL Ciaran, the position of Seneschal is up for election. Two members have applied to fill the position and one will be selected as of the October Shire meeting (8 October 2008, 7PM, at Round Table Pizza, 10150 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, Oregon. The following applications are presented in the order they were recieved.

Application of HL Teceangl Bach, GdS, for the office of Seneschale of the Shire of Dragons Mist

Greetings unto the populace of the mighty Shire of Dragon's Mist.

I am applying for the office of Seneschal.

Minister of A&S was the very first branch office I ever held, in the then-Canton of Terra Pomaria. I was in this office from the fall of 1986 until moving away from the canton in late 1987. My next branch office was as shire herald of Dragon's Mist, an office I held from 1999 to June 2001. I became shire Chronicler in August of 2001 until I had to pass the office on when I became Lions Blood Herald in mid-2002. I've been working with the kingdom College of Heralds and SCA College of Arms in positions of responsibility off and on since 2001.

In addition, I've worked closely with HL Katherine FitzAlan, HL Jason the Voracious (now Master John Patton) and HL Ciaran Cluana Ferta in their tenures as shire Seneschal. When HL Jason needed to be absent from the shire meeting, he delegated me to preside and entrusted me to inform him of the minutes of that meeting. I was given the Seneschal's Favor by HL Jason for being of assistance to him during his term as Seneschal. I've been on the shire financial committee for most of this year and was deputy to HL Ciaran both as Explorer and as a general assistant (as in "Teceangl, I need...").

I am a member of Dragon's Mist by preference, not by residence. While I have lived in the lands of three other SCA branches, I am home in this shire. Therefore I give of my service even though I cannot give of my address. Dragon's Mist is very dear to me; there have been times in the past decade where had it not been for this shire and its members, I would have given up the SCA. Even in the hiatus I needed to take to see Sebastian through school, shire members remained in touch, were our friends, and let me know that I was missed.

As Seneschal, I will work to keep Dragon's Mist strong and cohesive. Using Ciaran's example, I will always work for the wishes of the populace and never personal preference. Using Jason's example I will assure that communication is always open and nudges are given when needed and withheld when unnecessary. These are not 'campaign promises' they are my concept of why Dragon's Mist has remained such a desirable branch with which to be a part since I first discovered it, and before.

Thank you all for your consideration. I remain in joyful service to the shire,

- Lady Teceangl Bach, GdS

Application of HL Eoghan ÓBriain, for the office of Seneschal of the Shire of Dragons Mist

Dearest Regards unto the Populous of Dragon's Mist:

I write to you during these grave times to discuss the position of seneschal. I believe there should be a certain quality of character required to uphold this office. I, also, believe that the seneschal should look to the welfare of the shire above all else, and that we need a leader who can maintain a core of unity within the shire to ensure our success. We need someone who will look to the growth of the shire, and who will hold the officers accountable for their positions.

While there may not be any one person who displays all of these qualities, it is up to us, the populous of the shire, to choose who we feel comes closest to this ideal. It is with this picture in mind that I humbly declare my intent to run for the position of seneschal for Dragon's Mist. I am passionate, self-driven, and prepared to do what is right for the shire and its populous. I will work tirelessly, hopefully aided by those willing to work alongside me, to ensure that Dragon's Mist remains the fun, energetic, and exciting group I have come to know.

Please, support me in my endeavor to serve our shire thusly.

In Service to the Shire, Lord Eoghan ÓBriain

Chronicler's Note: Subsequent to this letter, HL Eoghan graciously added the following personal information:

I have been associated with the SCA for 16 years. Due to mundane obligations, most of those years were spent in the Kingdom of Caid, mostly the Baronies of Naevehjem and Nordwache. I received my Award of Arms in Naevehjem, and, during that time, was taken as a Student of Fence by Don Donne the Balde of the Barony of Dun Or. I returned to An Tir two and a half years ago and have been here in Dragon's Mist since. I am, currently, the Deputy to the Shire Marshal, responsible for Youth Archery. I've held that office for some 5 months and was responsible for beginning the competition for Dragon's Mist Youth Archery Defender.

Mundanely, I spent 10 years in the US Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician (setting the in-flight VCRs for Navy Pilots, just kidding (^.^)). About 5 years of that was spent supervising teams of up to 12 people to maintain our assigned aircraft. I was responsible for organizing and delegating maintenance actions amongst my team and lead any aspect which needed direct interaction (inspections and unit testing). As the supervisor I was, also, responsible for ensuring that all maintenance was performed quickly, efficiently, and within budget. After the military, I went to work for a government contractor, again, responsible for maintaining electronics for military use. After that, I took a job working with Intel here in Hillsboro, and have been here since.

I can't talk about me without referring to my family. They are an integral part of my life, Mairghread, my wife, is my biggest inspiration. Because of her support, I enjoy fencing, woodworking, and creative writing. Then there is my three daughters; Mara (the archer), Madelynn (the heavy), and Laurel (the climber). They inspire me to create a place within the SCA for the children to flourish and grow.

I hope this give you a bit of insight as to who I am, where I've been, and what I've done. If anyone has any more questions, requests, or suggestions, feel free to contact me at azureduck1@yahoo.com.

Proxy Ballot for Seneschal Vote

8 October 2008

Teceangl Bach

Eoghan ÓBriain



This ballot has been provided in consideration of Shire members who cannot make the meeting. Please vote one and only one candidate. Votes will only be accepted from names listed in the current (as of October 2008) edition of the Dragon's Mist Shire Directory. For purposes of verification only, please write your name (as listed in the Directory):



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Upcoming Events

*This is a listing of events coming up in this Central region of AnTir. For complete information, including contacts, please go to the AnTir Events Listing at <http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/>, or consult the current copy of *The Crier*.*

September

19 - 21	Archery Academy & Ithra	Barony of Three Mountains
19 - 21	Banner War	Barony of Aquaterra
19 - 21	Border War	Barony of Wealdsmere
20	Beaverton Farmer's Mkt Demo	Shire of Dragon's Mist



October

03 - 05	Barons Dyons Mem. Tourn.	Barony of Wastekeep
04	Lost Days of Gregory XIII	Barony of Three Mountains
04	Wyewood Champions	Shire of Wyewood
10 - 12	O'Gormley Memorial Archery Fest	Barony of Vulcanfeldt
11	Fall Harvest Festival	Barony of Madrone
18	Autumn Masque	Barony of Three Mountains
18	Harvest Ball	Barony of Dragon's Laire
18	Harvest Celebration VII	Shire of Ambergard
18	Norse Winter Nights	Barony of Glymm Mere
18	Octoberfest: Toys for Tots Champions	Barony of Wealdsmere25
25	St Crispin's Day I	Shire of Mountain Edge



Ciaran (right) and Joia (left) share a lighthearted moment before Shire Moot at Dragons Mist Arts Gathering 2008. Photo Courtesy Meadhbha ingen Bhraim Mueilleor.

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