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Attention all patrons:

Submissions of original artwork, short stories, poems, and tidbits of information are always needed. Please send all your talents to the Chronicler! Also, ye Seawinds Historian is in search of Shire History. If you have any old Sandscrits, Blackstars, event handouts or tokens, photos or stories to share, please contact historian@seawinds.org. Your contribution to the history of Seawinds is greatly appreciated.

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Officer Reports



From the Seneschal

Greetings fair Shire,

This month starts the busy season for Seawinds. Laurel's Prize Tourney is coming up quick on the 13th, and the bookmarks are finally finished! Let's all hope that Hurricane Ike doesn't threaten to flood us out.

Soon to come is Defender the 13th at the end of October. Please refer to the autocrat's article for a volunteer list. This should prove to be a spooktacular event.

Also, we just received word that the Ingleside Chamber wants us to participate in Ingleside Ren Faire again this year. They have asked us to provide the same entertainment that we put together last year. We have already told them that they cannot expect the same scale of attractions as last year due to inadequate fore-notice. Nonetheless, we will still participate in this demo. Lord Yarraslav has agreed to set up his smithy again. Also, Viking Invasion is already slated to come. So Seawind's fighters, we ask that you armor up and take the field once again. We will of course need crews to prepare meals for the weekend. If anyone would like to be head food coordinator, please contact our Seawind's autocrat for Ren faire; Lord Gavin. If anyone can think of some quick and easy entertainment for the faire goers, please speak up!

Lastly, we need not forget about our very important Seawind's 25th Anniversary this coming February. There is still a list of volunteers needed for this event. 25th year is a celebration of our past as we look forward to our future! Let's share our wonderful history with the rest of our glorious kingdom.

In Service,
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From the A&S Minister

Greetings,

I hope everyone is busy getting ready for Laurel's Prize this weekend. I want to thank everyone who has helped in the preparation for this event by painting bookmarks and helping sew the gift bags for the laurels, they look great. Thank you to HL Iona for doing the illumination on the bookmarks and HL Lightfoot for the calligraphy. Thanks Muirin for working on the illuminated notepad for the laurels.

The Tuesday night A&S gatherings are once again happening at the Museum. I have scheduled the Conference room upstairs for now but will reserve the Front Porch area once we decide when we want to hold dance practices again. Please note that this is the same night as fighter practice now (held in the Watergarden area) so we will have to see how this works. For now I will bring the scroll painting supplies to each get together, but hopefully we will have other projects to work on soon. As always bring any other project you are working on and if there is something you need help with or want to learn just let me know.

We will be meeting on Sept 16th and the 23rd and there will be no meeting on Sept 30th as the museum will be closed. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

HL Caitriona
Acting Seawinds Minister of A&S



From the Historian

Greetings,

I have compiled all the information I have on our current and past Seawinds Defenders. Hopefully Titus will have this on the website very soon. Once it is posted to the website I will let you know. I ask that you please look this information over. There is quite a bit of information missing or maybe even incorrect, especially from the early Defender events. If you have any corrections or additions to make, please contact me.

Our 25th Anniversary as a shire is coming up at Coastal Invasion 2009 in Feb. Dredge up those memories and let's start working on making this event memorable. If you would like to contribute to the History display at the event please contact me.

HL Caitriona
Seawinds Historian

Laurel's Prize Tournament

September 13, 2008

The Shire of Seawinds is proud to host this years Laurel's Prize Tourney. We welcome all to join us at beautiful Choke Canyon State Park in Three Rivers, Texas.

Static Art Displays (outdoor space available) Bardic & Performing Arts Workshops/Critiques

Scroll Painting and Room for Fighting Outdoors!

Site opens at 9 am and closes at 9 pm

A continental breakfast and sideboard lunch are included with the site fee.

Dinner follows Court at Nolan Ryan's Waterfront Restaurant

Participants: So that we can prepare a space for you, please register by September 1st with the autocrat. Send your name, contact information, type of display or art, how much table room you will need, or if you need floor space. Visit www.moas.ansteorra.org for more information on what you can expect.

Laurels: If you are planning on attending, please contact HL John Lightfoot with your specialty(s).

Park Fee: There is a \$3.00/person (13 & over) park fee per day, payable to the park. However entrance fees are waived to holders of a State Park Pass and accompanying passengers when riding in the permitted vehicle.

Site Fee: Site fees are \$9.00 (18 and over), \$5.00 (13 -17), Children 12 and under are free. Family max for site is \$27 . A \$3 non-member surcharge applies to anyone without proof of membership.

Make checks payable to SCA Inc./Shire of Seawinds

Accommodations: This is a non-camping event. Hotel/restaurant information is available on our website (www.seawinds.org).

Event Stewards:

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Please visit our website (www.seawinds.org) for more information and map.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver AND Medical Authorization for Minors from the parents.

Alcohol is permitted INSIDE the gymnasium ONLY. Period containers please.

No pets except service animals.

Laurel's Prize Tourney Volunteers Needed

Laurel's Prize is just around the corner. Please visit the Seawinds website for all the information about this event. We are still in need of some volunteers for the event. Remember this may be an A&S event but as we are host we will need the full support of the shire to make this event run smoothly.

Food Coordinator and helpers

We are providing a continental breakfast and light lunch.

Scroll Painting hosts

This involves sitting at the table and scroll painting. We will need a couple of people for this so no one has to sit there all day.

Gate

Need at least 4 people to sit gate-- 2 people per 2 hour shift.

Chivalric and Rapier Marshals

We will have a place for fighting.

Set up crew

We will be setting up the site Friday evening from about 5 to 9. This includes setting up tables and decorating the hall.

Clean up crew

We will need to have the site clean by no later than 10 pm on Sat I believe we were done and out of there by 8 or so last time.

Dinner Host or Hostess

We will be hosting a dinner at Ryan Nolan's Water front Restaurant after the event. We need someone to go the the restaurant to play host while the rest of us are cleaning up at the site.

Laurel's Prize is THIS weekend. Just a reminder that this is a shire event and that everyone is needed to help make this a success. We are still in need of people to help with gate, set up on Friday (we will set up around 5 pm) and clean up on Sat after the event. We also need someone to play host at the restaurant after the event—you will get out of clean up! If you will be attending and need something to do, please contact one of the event stewards. The website has all the info on this event.....check it out.

HL John Lightfoot

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Laurel's Prize Event Stewards

Defender the Thirteenth

Defender the Thirteenth is well on its way to becoming THE event of the season! Mark your calendars because you wont want to miss this! Your defender autocrats have a jam packed event of fun frivolity and a bit of the unexpected!

That being said, it is impossible to put on an event of such spectacle with out the help of our populace from the shire. So here is our call to the volunteers and artisans who would like to contribute in some way, to be forever linked to this epic event!

Here are our material needs:

- Largess/ prizes for defenders
- Artistic pieces from our fabulous artisans
- Jewelry pieces
- Daggers, belt knives etc.
- Anything in good condition that you would like to give away
- Baskets to put prizes in
- Feathers, beads, glitter (for people to make masques at the event)
- Snacks and desserts for Friday night
- Fruit, tea, and lemonade to serve with lunch
- Large decorative glass bowls or containers (large enough to hold 6 votive candles)
- Coffee, sugar, creamer, for hospitality table

Service Needs:

- Gate workers (gate schedule to be posted at a later date)
- Setup on Friday
- Take down on Saturday
- Kitchen helpers (contact Caitriona or Pam)
- Water bearers
- Gustatory defender lunch organization and set up
- Servers for head table

We will continue to update the list of needs as needs get filled or new needs Arise. Also, get those award recommendations done if there is anyone you know that deserves an award! It may seem like there is still plenty of time, but defender will be here before you know it!

Thank you to everyone for your help, This is going to be a great Defender!

Your Autocrats
Lady Leaina
Lord Hallgeirr

SHIRE OF THE SEAWINDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

Defender the Thirteenth

OCTOBER 24TH-26TH

The veil between the worlds has become thin as the nights grow longer. Creatures of darkness seek to crossover and do us harm. Do you dare to become our Defender? Are you afraid of the things that go bump in the night? Do you fear to give your name to our

MYSTRESS OF THE LYSTS?

Competitions will be held for Chivalric, Rapier, Bardic, and Arts and Sciences Defenders. And introducing our newest Defender:

GUSTATORY DEFENDER: DEFENDER OF GOOD TASTE

This will be a cooking competition. Participants are to prepare a dish of pasties to be presented at lunch. Visit the website for more details.

Should you survive the competition, we invite you to a Masqued Feast of traditional Celtic Samhain dishes.

Site opens at 4pm on Friday and closes on Sunday at noon. Pets ok on leash. Site is wet, campfires allowed. Full hookup RV sites available for an additional fee, contact Aranama RV Park to make reservations. Minors must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year old or older adult with a signed and notarized minor event waiver form.

DIRECTIONS

We have changed Locations! Defender will be held in Goliad at the Aranama RV Park, 2 miles south of the city of Goliad. From Victoria take US 59 south to US 183 south, turn right on FM 2441 (look for the flashing yellow light). Turn right on La Bahia and look for the signs on the right. From Corpus Christi take US 77 to US 183 north, turn left on FM2441 and then right on La Bahia.

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WWW.Seawinds.Org

Site Fee \$10, under 5 free, Feast \$8, make checks payable to SCA Inc/ Seawinds

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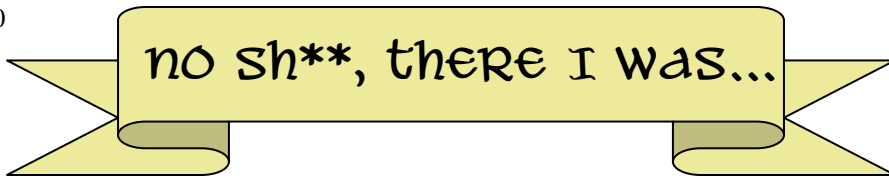
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Of all the exciting things we do in the SCA, for me the greatest draw has always been fighting in wars. There is nothing as thrilling (nor as confusing) as being in the middle of a large battle at that exact moment when lines are collapsing and opposing forces are coming from all directions.

(Que the dramatic music as you hear the announcer's voice saying "You were there!")

You are in the shield wall when the enemy charges you hard. you see it coming and step into them throwing a thrust as you step. You feel it slam home into someone as you hear him gasp and twist to the ground. A quick peek to your side and you see one man is pushing past you. A powerful backhand swing across his back has no effect so you throw twice more, harder. He drops but someone else is beating the hell out of your shield. You duck down and throw the hardest wrap you can, pushing through his shield edge and taking him in the ribs.

Through the rising dust clouds you see a foeman charging from your right side now and you thrust him well in the guts, doubling him over. You realize that your unit gave ground to the last charge while you advanced and now you're really in the thick of the action. You turn quickly to the front, leading with your sword as you turn and connect a blow to a knight, right in the face (it really was luck, I never saw him from my blind side). As he drops, his squire turns to face you, but before he has a chance, your sword flashes in like a scorpion's stinger delivering a point to his chest. You think to yourself, "Where the hell did Gunnarr and Hallgeirr go?" "For that matter, where's my entire unit?" You strike down one of three shield men who are engaging you, two quick snapshots get his buddies unnerved and they hide behind their shields waiting to see what each other will do. Their moment of hesitation gives you the chance to jump back and try to find your unit.

You turn and take two huge leaping strides, getting some distance between yourself and the enemy. "There's Gunnarr", you can see that tall berserker now. The entire unit has swung right and is heavily engaged. Muirin is keeping them busy on the right with her spear and Yarraslav is still there in the middle, the unit looks mostly intact still.

A quick glance back assures you that the two foemen you left haven't followed, so you charge past Gunnarr and hit the enemy hard on their flank.

Throwing shots faster than you thought you ever could (adrenaline really is a marvelous thing) and thrusting hard enough to down that rhino in the red tabard, you wade through their backfield. Your unit takes advantage of your tactic sweeping in from the left and in no time at all the enemy is rolled up like a nice little taco.

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You call out, "Reform on me!" and they do, swiftly. You move to form up your unit with the main force as it sweeps by, driving the Trimarans into a small pocket of resistance. As you march, you swarm over the slower stragglers or the foolish brave, leaving them as trampled corpses in your wake.

Ten yards ahead is the last bit of fighting, your allies are pressed around them too tightly for you to get close. You can only watch from a distance as the glaives descend repeatedly, until the enemy is no more.


The hold is called, a roaring cheer fills the air, "Ansteorra!!!!!!!" You look around at your friends, your brothers, who is with you? . . . Who has fallen? A cold feeling starts to creep up your spine then fades as you remember, it's only a game. The veil lifts and you feel a bit giddy with the thrill of victory and the great stories you have now.

We call them "No Shit, There I Was" stories and if you never touch another sword or never fight again, you will always have the memory and your own stories and they stay with you for the rest of your life. In our own way, by playing at what we enjoy, each of us becomes a memory generator not only for ourselves but for those around us.

Wayland



Picture provided by Lord Titus (Current Chronicler)



This Month in History

September 3

- 301 - San Marino, one of the smallest nations in the world and the world's oldest republic still in existence, is founded by Saint Marinus.
- 1189 - Richard I of England (a.k.a. Richard "the Lionheart") is crowned at Westminster.
- 1260 - The Mamluks defeat the Mongols at the Battle of Ain Jalut in Palestine, marking their first decisive defeat and the point of maximum expansion of the Mongol Empire.

September 6

- 3114 BC – According to the proleptic Julian calendar the current era in the Maya Long Count Calendar started. It ends on December 21, 2012, which some have interpreted to be the end of the world.
- 1492 – Christopher Columbus sails from La Gomera in the Canary Islands, his final port of call before crossing the Atlantic for the first time.
- 1522 – The *Victoria*, one of the surviving ships of Ferdinand Magellan's expedition, returns to Sanlúcar de Barrameda in Spain, becoming the first ship to circumnavigate the world.

September 7

- 1251 BC - A solar eclipse on this date might mark the birth of legendary Heracles at Thebes, Greece.
- 70 - A Roman army under General Titus occupies and plunders Jerusalem.
- 1191 - Third Crusade: Battle of Arsuf - Richard I of England defeats Saladin at Arsuf.

September 8

- 1504 - Michelangelo's *David* is unveiled in Florence.

September 11

- 1297 - Battle of Stirling Bridge: Scots led by William Wallace (played by Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*) defeat the English.

September 12

- 490 BC - Athens defeats Persia at the Battle of Marathon; origin of the marathon long-distance race (attributed to Pheidippides)

September 13

- 1503 - Michelangelo begins work on his statue of David.

September 18

- 1502 - Christopher Columbus lands at Costa Rica on his fourth, and final, voyage.

September 20

1519 - Ferdinand Magellan - set sail from Sanlúcar de Barrameda with about 270 men on his expedition to circumnavigate the globe.

September 24

622 - Prophet Muhammad completes his hegira from Mecca to Medina.

September 25

1066 - The Battle of Stamford Bridge marks the end of the Anglo-Saxon era.

September 26

1580 - Sir Francis Drake circumnavigates the globe.

September 27

1540 - The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) receives its charter from Pope Paul III.

September 28

1066 - William the Conqueror invades England: the Norman Conquest begins.

September 29

1227 - Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor, is excommunicated by Pope Gregory IX for his failure to go on crusade.

Information was obtained from wikipedia.org



guild and meeting schedule

Officer's Meetings

Officer's meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm, place to be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Populace Meetings

Populace meetings are held on the Wednesday following Officer's Meetings at 7:00 pm at the Water Gardens behind the Corpus Christi Natural Science and History Museum during fighter practice. Everyone is encouraged to attend in garb.

Fighter Practice

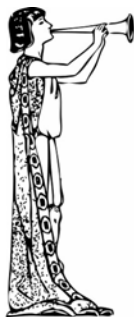
Fighter Practice is on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at the Corpus Christi Natural Science and History Museum. See www.seawinds.org for directions or contact the Knight Marshal at knightmarshal@seawinds.org.

Arts and Sciences General Meetings

Meetings are held at the Corpus Christi Natural Science and History Museum in the upstairs conference room during fighter practice. See www.seawinds.org or contact the A&S Minister at artsandscience@seawinds.org for more details.

Challenge to Seawinds Artisans:

Prizes will be needed for our upcoming Defender at the end of October. I challenge the artisans of Seawinds to step forward and create something and donate it for one of the prizes. It does not have to be anything big; the fact that you made it will make it special. Please consult with the autocrats, Leaina or Byron, as to what they need.



HL Caitriona










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September 2008 (A.S. XLIII)

- 5-7   Harvest End—Gate's Edge (North Houston, TX)
- 12-14 Laurel's Prize—Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)
 Jagermeister—Ffynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)
- 19-21   Defender of the Fort/Royal Huntsman—
 Raven't Fort (Huntsville, TX)
-  Mooneschadowe Triomphe of the Eclipse—
 Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 26-28    Elfsea Defender XXVI—Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)

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- 3-5   Battle of Three Kings XIV—Send in the
 Khans—Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)
- 10-12  Namron Protectorate—Namron (Norman, OK)
- Tourney by the Loch—Loch Soilleir (Clear
 Lake, TX)
- 17-19    Ursae-Lyons—Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
- Battle of the Pines—Graywood (Lufkin, TX)
- 24-26 Samhain Celebration—Eldern Hills (Lawton/Ft.
 Sills, OK)
- Seawinds Defender—Seawinds (Corpus
 Christi, TX)
-    Central Regional Academy of the Rapier—
 Rosenfeld and Dragonsfire Tor (Tyler, TX)
- 31-2    Bryn Gwlad Baronial—Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
-  Brad Leah's Fighter's Challenge—Brad Leah
 (Wichita Falls, TX)

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