

# QUIP NUNC



The Official Newsletter of the Barony of Ruantallan

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## From Your Chronicler

It's been one of those periods where I am simply unable to get out of my own way...know what I mean? I have all of these grand plans and ideas but can't seem to get myself started. I am sure someone reading this has found themselves in this same predicament. At least I hope so. How does one get themselves out of this 'funk'?



I think it has to do with making the decision to interact with others who enjoy the game we play. That may mean a once a month attendance at an event, fight practice or non sanctioned SCA get together over coffee talking about the financial impacts of indigo on the late middle ages pastille farmers of southern France, or 'add your choice of study-interest' here.

In the end, it really is a choice to do or not do. I find it does help to be around others who light up when in a group of people who like the same things. You can see it in their faces!

I am so excited about the Seashire Schola happening September 15 at the MFRC in Halifax! I'm sure I will find a way out of this downturn in my love of the SCA...see you there!



## Seashire Fall Schola- September 15, 2018



Have you ever wondered how to embroider your tunic, or even where to find that information?

What about making scrolls or working with leather?

Then come and join us for a day of classes designed for the new members amongst us - or those of us just wanting to learn more. The event is by donation only at the door. Bring your own lunch or venture out to one of the local restaurants at noon (we cannot use the kitchen, so plan accordingly)

Tentative list of classes

- Illuminations and scrolls - how to draw a straight line*
- Dance for beginners*
- Making a coif*
- Viking hoods*
- Viking wire weaving*
- Embroidery for beginners*
- Research and resources*
- Entering an A&S competition*
- Introduction to heraldry*
- How to make bog pants*
- Introduction to tapestry making*
- Fencing - Spanish rapier*

## Ruantallan!!

*It's YOUR BIRTHDAY!!*

*Happy Birthday to you 'STOMP'*

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*Join us on October 6, 2018 to celebrate being the first official Barony in the East Kingdom for the SCA*



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# *Ruantallan Baronial Investiture Anniversary 30 Pearl of the East*

THE PEARL ANNIVERSARY FOR THE BARONY OF RUANTALLAN'S INVESTITURE FAST

## APPROACHES.

As the 30th Anniversary nears, all who have graced our fair shores, or perhaps desire to do so, are encouraged to make plans now and travel to our colourful land to aid us in celebrating this wondrous milestone. The Heirs, Their Royal Highnesses Wilhelm and Vienna have graciously agreed to join us a scant week after their coronation.

Ruantallan, the Pearl of the East, has much to offer all their visitors and the gentles who are fortunate to call it home. Mark your calendars for October 6, 2018, to help us with this most special occasion.

Witness our skilled fighters as they compete to become this years Baronial Rattan Champion. Peruse an Arts & Science display showcasing our many varied and talented artists. Help to choose a victor in our Youth A&S Competition and also in our Royal Toy Chest Challenge. Join in the comradery and fun at our games table.

The day would not be complete without dancing, so come join in the merry-making while dancing with our own dance mistress.

After the days activities, sit and enjoy the sumptuous feast prepared by Lady Matilda Fossoway and her talented staff, as they recreate some of the lovely fare from past BIA feasts.

Make your plans now for Ruantallan, the Pearl of the East, Baronial Investiture Anniversary XXX, October 6, 2018, 11am-9pm at the LeBrun Community Centre/Bedford Lions Den, 36 Holland Avenue, Bedford, Nova Scotia.

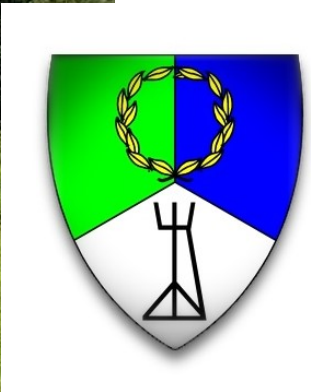
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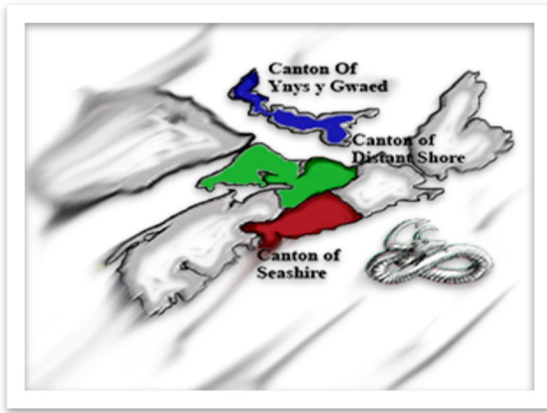
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Photo by Sir Ysungge Alton



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## CANTON CUBIT

- Canton of Distant Shore-
- Insipient Stronghold of Ravensdale-
- Canton of Seashire-Weekly fight practice and A&S meetings Monday nights at the MFRC in Halifax.. Seashire Schola –September 15, 2018.
- Canton of Seashire-Choir Practice held every other Friday evening at the home of Dame Sarra
- Canton of Ynys Y Gwan-monthly A&S meetings, Summers End Aug 31-Sept 2, 2018.



## *Tir Mara Thrown Weapons and Archery Championships*

A great and wondrous tournament has been planned in the bountiful lands of the Shire of Avonmore.

A challenge has gone forth to test and behold the next champions of Archery and Thrown weapons for our new heirs, Prinz Wilhelm and Princess Vienna. All archers and throwers of the principality of Tir Mara who may feel an burning desire to meet this challenge are invited to participate. We invite all the residents of these fine lands to come and encourage our challengers, feast in the hall and celebrate a great victory for their Highnesses.

Event Steward: Lady Fallon Hopkynes lady\_english2@yahoo.ca  
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Please send reservations to the following:  
for event reservations: Lady Marlena Smithyswife reservations@avonmore.eastkingdom.org  
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**\*\*Feast Registration cut off date: September 10, 2018**

Pls see webpage for more details

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3372>

# The Incipient Stronghold of Ravensdale



## AN INTERVIEW WITH LADY FREYDIS ELGISDOTTIR OF RAVENSDALE

**CHRONICLER:** Who's idea was it originally? Did I see you played out west before relocating to NS?

**Fe:** There's several of us up here in the Valley, and getting down to Halifax was just too far to play regularly, like fighting practise etc and we did move from BC where we played. Mikhail and I met in the SCA out west in An Tir. He's been playing since the mid-Eighties; I've been around since the early 90s .

**CHRONICLER:** How many members do you currently have?

**Fe:** Close to twenty, including the children.

**CHRONICLER:** After moving here and finding traveling to Halifax for events was a bit tiresome, you wanted to become an entity unto yourselves. Did you find the process difficult?

**Fe:** No, not really. We had a few misunderstandings with things like sending out the polls (and who was to do that, ha ha); but overall it was surprisingly simple.

**CHRONICLER:** The device shown at the top of this article, how did it come about?

**Fe:** Very much a group effort-the green embattled chevron is for the Valley, with the embattlements signifying it's a stronghold and the raven because of the name.

**CHRONICLER:** I think your group does some amazing things. I'm so impressed with what you accomplish, both individually and as a collective.

**Fe:** Thanks, we've got a really creative bunch here with some really impressive skills and a strong willingness to learn new ones, like Ulrich learning how to make bows. plus we have workshop space, which makes a huge difference . Hard to make things in an apartment!



Photo by Angela Wlaveczer



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WARRIORS! HAS YOUR POLE BECOME SOFT? ARE YOUR BLOWS OFTEN CALLED LIGHT? DO YOU FEEL INADEQUATE IN THE FRAY? COME TO LORD HUGH'S RATTAN SHOP AND WE WILL ARM YOU FOR THE GREATEST OF TOURNEY RATTAN SO STOUT YOUR FOE WILL CALL "GOOD" AT JUST THE SIGHT OF YOUR RAISED ARM

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Lord Hugh's Rattan Shop!**

Please note, this has been re-scheduled to a more opportune time for all involved. Just think, more time to make GARB!!! Watch for details as they emerge on the barony's FB page, the website or this publication.



## THE FEAST AT THE MANOR (A HIGH PERSONA EVENT)

This is a High Persona Event. A High Persona Event is an event which asks attendees to step into the time of the event, cast off the modern, and act and dress the part of a guest of an English "Knight" attending a banquet honoring the spring harvest. Although dress of the English Period is not required it is highly desired for the atmosphere we are aiming for.

This event is designed to be about eating a period meal as guests of the Highly Esteemed Lord and his Lady around Dover in the year 1500. Thirty five guests are welcome to join their host, provided they have the gold needed to bribe for the best seats at table (pre-paid reservations only).

As it was also done in those times, servants were used to serve and take away dishes, refill glasses & goblets, and pass notes and messages about the hall. (Please forward your letters of reference for hire to the Head Steward)

Entertainers were often hired to perform during a stately dinner and we are offering, for any wishing to apply at the villa, a supper for their songs. (Again, please apply to the Head Steward)

Like the servants, these folk will sit not at the table with the Lord and Lady's guests but a table that will be set aside for the servants. We will have room for 10-12 servants/performers at the manor house.

The site is wet with the use of period containers. Those who wish to partake of the fermented refreshments must plan their designated driver or have crash space.

There will be limited crash space available. Please contact Mistress Gwenhwyfar for space. If you wish to set up a tent for the night, please let us know.

Please arrive by 2pm as the manor will be open at 3pm promptly.

# Want to know more??

## Check out these links...

Here are some links to various groups and other online discussions for the SCA.

<http://sca.org/>

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/>

<http://ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/>

[Tir Mara A&S discussion group](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/266068666886441/>

[Canton of Seashire Facebook group](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/117730954976944/>

### *Some final thoughts:*

I'm not exactly sure why it is easier to write this column than anything else in the newsletter, however, it always seems to be one of the first things I do when I'm creating the Quid Nunc. I guess it just means I've figured out what I want to say, and this time I want YOU to find that person you used to see at events, reach out and see how they're doing. Maybe life is getting in the way, but maybe they just need a little motivation to get back in the game.

I have found with this edition that is the case for me. I have heard this from so many people...thanks for checking in.

YIS, Lilou

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## Who Are YOU??

### *Lady Katherine Murray*

Lady Katherine is known in our Barony as an Archery Marshall, medieval dyer as well as being apprenticed to our very own Baroness Isobel.

She has been actively playing for 8 years and has been accused on a number of occasions by her husband, Lord Conn Rosendubh of stinking up their house and the neighbours complain about the retting pond in the yard and the dye pots in the driveway!



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