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YOUR GUIDE TO THE BARONY OF BLATHA AN OIR, KINGDOM OF AN TIR



Letter from the Baroness



Greetings unto the populace of Blatha an Oir. I hope you have all had a wonderful start to 2007. This is going to be an exciting year of change and growth for Blatha an Oir. The first of our changes is in the format of the Blatherings. Welcome to the New and Improved (we hope) now totally online version of the Blatherings. With the subscription numbers falling and the costs of printing and mailing rising it was voted to change the format of the newsletter to this more cost-effective modern media style. Ladies Mabel de Wymburn and Morgan Rabdox Severus have graciously taken on the task of bringing the Blatherings back to life in this new format. Thank you very much for stepping up and taking over this much needed job in addition to your other duties and offices.

For those of you going to 12th night Sven and I look forward to seeing you there. After much discussion it has been decided that the Barony will be making a \$500 donation to the Raven Travel Fund during their Majesties final court. Stop and check in with Sven, myself or one of our retinue to find out where we will be on the court schedule.

Sven and I hope to see lots of folks at our next regular business meeting on the third Thursday of the Month. We will be discussing the changes that will be taking place in the Barony over the next nine months and what we hope the timeline of events will be. We are also looking for Auto-crat teams for some of our events next year. Come and get involved in making Blatha an Oir bloom.

Yours In Service

Anne Fraser of BearsHaven
Baroness of Blatha an Oir

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December meeting minutes

Arts & Sciences - Annaka has secured the use of the meeting room at the Mandolin Cafe in Tacoma.

(www.themandolincafe.com)

Monthly meetings will cover topics and preparation for the Lord Defender championship.

Fourth Wednesday of each month 6:30-8:30
(see article below for full details)

Games- Isabella is arranging a day of games to be held in Lacey in the month of March.
More information to follow.

Jewelers guild- support was requested of the Barony to re-activate the Jewelers Guild. First Sgt offered his expertise in pewter casting and there is an avid interest in glass bead making. A proposal will be written to purchase the equipment needed for the guild to eventually produce Baronial Awards.

If you weren't there you missed a terrific dessert potluck!

Wishing everyone the best in the New Year!

Upcoming Events

Jan 11

Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

Jan 12-14

Twelfth Night Coronation

Jan 18

Baronial Business Meeting 7 p.m.

February 8

Officers Meeting 7 p.m.

February 15

Baronial Business Meeting 7 p.m.

For meeting locations and directions please visit
www.blathaanoir.org

OUT OF KINGDOM

February 13-19

Estrella War- Florence, AZ



Field trip - Madrone Culinary Guild

On January 4th, 2007 Lady Elisabeth Fitzwilliam and Lady Mabel de Wymburn traveled north Capitol Hill in Seattle to attend MCG's January potluck. We were greeted with much hospitality and a wonderful array of period foods from the members. Most notable was a sticky sweet dish made from white rice.

If you are planning a trip and would like company or have visited somewhere you'd like to share please e-mail baoscribe@gmail.com with your field trip information.



Submissions requested

Do you have an article, artwork, favorite website or something to say? E-mail baoscribe@gmail.com with your submissions from the Blatherings.



Greetings to the Populace of Blatha An Oir and Rath An Oir,

I am pleased to invite you to the first in a series of monthly Arts and Sciences Gatherings.

Where: Mandolin Cafe Conference Room
3923 South 12th Street Tacoma, WA 98405
<http://www.themandolincafe.com/>

Day: January 24th.

Continuing on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

6:30 pm -Dinner and Social/7:00 pm - Program

After Program Social Time - we have the conference room until 8:30 pm.

You are welcome to stay for the live music after our program in the main area of the cafe.

Program: Researching and Documenting Your A&S Projects presented by Agnès Berengarii de Girona. The program is for anyone interested in doing research and documenting an A&S project, and will include specific information for Baronial-level Arts and Sciences Competitions such as Lord Defender.

Additional Information: The Mandolin Cafe has an excellent deli menu, as well as coffee, tea, and wine available for purchase prior to our program. Please tell the barista you are with the SCA Arts and Sciences Group in the Conference Room so they know where to bring your order. The cost of the meeting room is \$10, so I will be passing the helm to collect contributions.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to present a future program, please let me know.

In Service,
Annaka Poznanska
A&S Officer, BAO

Advertising Space Available

Rent space at the end of the Blatherings! Space available is approximately 4 x 4 in size.

Cost for advertising is one donation to the Baronial Largess Box per 6 month period. One month listings will be listed without a fee, however, largess is always welcome for any listing.

Merchants, yard sales, armor/books for sale. Rooms for rent, animals for adoption, services available, will work for site fee and most every other imaginable need so long as it falls within the bounds of chivalry and courtesy. See Lady Mabel de Wymburn or e-mail baoscribe@gmail.com.



War and Cry: Combat and Competition in Blatha an Oir

Heavy Fight Practice-

Every Sunday (except when there is a BAO or local kingdom event) at 1 pm on the playground at Camas Prairie Elementary School on 176th St E and B Street in Spanaway.

Archery-

There is a new practice site at:
Skookum Archery Range - 11209 Shaw Road East, Puyallup, Wa.

Practice will begin the 1st Sunday of December at 1pm till dusk, weather permitting.

There is a \$5.00 daily range fee. Club memberships are available for full access to the club facilities and the walking wooded range.

No crossbows allowed by range rules.

Directions: From I-512 take Meridian South.

Turn Left (east) onto 37th.Ave. This road turns into 39th Ave.

Follow road till it ends. This T-intersection is Shaw road.

Do Not Turn. Go straight into the driveway of the Range.



Medieval Vocabulary

Forfengus: Rescuing of stolen or strayed cattle.

Source: Guide to Medieval terms -Ed., J. S. Arkenberg (the ORB for medieval Studies)

Websites of Interest

The Pain Bank- <http://www.painbank.com/>- "all things SCA based mostly in the Midrealm."
Website with podcast interviews of some of the SCA's notable fighters.

Do you have a favorite site? E-mail baoscribe@gmail.com



Letter from the Editor



I hope that everyone enjoys the new look of the Blatherings. As with any new endeavor I expect that the format of this newsletter will look and feel very different by the end of the year. I welcome anyone who would like to submit articles on any subject that relates to our noble hobby. Because we are not limited by a postage scale this newsletter can contain a wealth of information, stories and even artwork from the populace.

Feel free to e-mail your contributions to baoscribe@gmail.com.

Lady Mabel de Wymburn
Chronicler & Scribe- Barony of Blatha an Oir

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