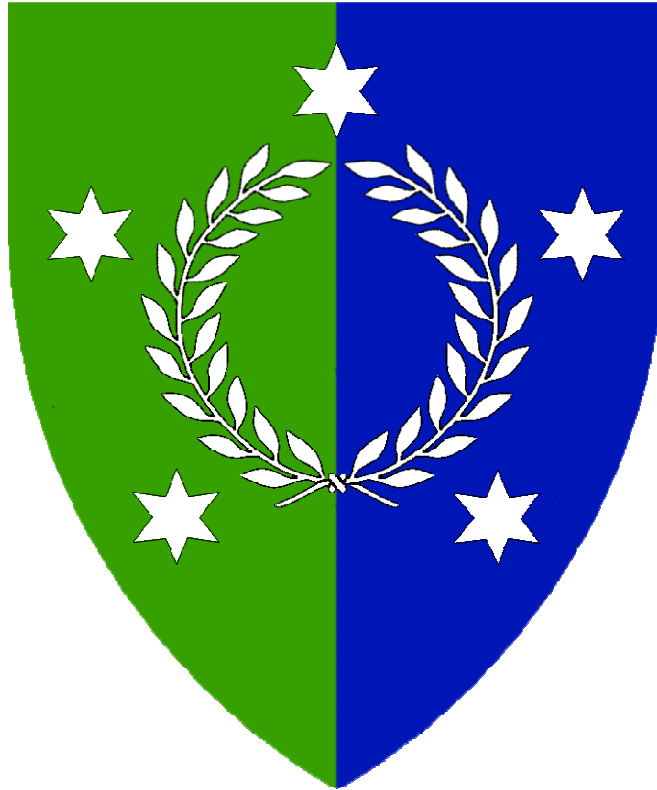


# The Zephyr

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## Greetings from the Chronicler

Welcome to the October issue of the Zephyr. This is our first issue as a full-status barony. Huzzah! It's been quite an eventful time for us (in BOTH senses of the word), and we continue to host many activities into the Fall. Now is a great time to show our pride and unity. And, as you attend local events or travel afar, please consider writing an event report for the newsletter!

### Submissions and Publication

I'm happy to receive submissions of any sort for our newsletter. If you write it or draw it, I'll find space to publish it. We are publishing on a quarterly basis, and the next issue will come out in early January, with a submission deadline of the end of December. I look forward to your contributions!

-- *Mistress Gianetta Andreini da Vicenza, Ayreton Chronicler*

## Officer Reports

### Letter from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Ayreton!

As we embark on a new era for Ayreton, we must thank those that had so much to do with the start of all of this such as our Lord Mayors: Alexander de Seton, Alan Fairfax, Cerian Cantwr, Acelina of Derelei, Etienne le Couteau des Roches, who were in a sense our predecessors. We also need to thank our seneschals. Master Philip White kept us and our paperwork moving along and did a really amazing job to keep it moving quickly! And of course current seneschal Richard de Scolay who continues to keep us moving in the right direction.

We wonder if it is even possible to say thank you enough to all the people who made Investiture/Rose Tourney/Fox Hunt possible. There were so very many. We'd like to echo Duchess Caitlin's wonderful letter, also in this edition. As an honored guest, her perspective on the event is particularly notable, since too often we get immersed in the job at hand when running an event and forget our guest's perspective. It is heartwarming that she so appreciated all of your efforts! On a more personal note, we'd also like to thank the seamstresses who worked very hard and very quickly to make us look good for Investiture. They are Juliana Peri da Novellara, Phebe Bonedeci, and Vittoria Gauvernante for Her Excellency. For His Excellency they were Jane the Tall, Verena Entenwirt and Jadwiga.

Those of you who were present during our Investiture as a barony may have been confused by a few things. One was a last minute scramble to make things ready in the barn. We'd all hoped to be out of doors but dreary wet weather prevented that. Unfortunately that nixed any hopes of doing the processions that we'd hoped to do because of the logistics of the barn which afforded us no processional aisles. We must thank all of our heralds, who rose admirably to the challenge of calling out each group's boasts, though distinctly not in the order we'd hoped. And of course we can only apologize to those who'd planned to be part of the procession that could not happen.

The reception that we were greeted with upon being invested ourselves was simply overwhelming. There are no words to describe the feeling of welcome that greeting gave us. As long time members of the area that makes up Ayreton, we both know the many jokes have flown around over the years about there being a barony in the Chicagoland area only when heck froze over. The fact that the sun broke through the clouds just as our morning court concluded certainly lay to rest that old joke!

And so, after so many years of hard work to bring this barony into fruition, now we have a new challenge to rise to: Keeping it going. But it is a challenge that the outcome of the previous years, as well as our own Investiture, has proven we are most certainly up to!

*THL Nadezda ze Zastrizl, Sgt Henry of Exeter  
Baroness, Baron of Ayreton*

## **Seneschal Report**

Greetings to the **Barony** of Ayreton!

On September 11th, Their Royal Majesties Radagaisus and Ceinwen invested The Honorable Lady Nadezda ZeZastrizl as Baroness Ayreton and Sergent Henry of Exeter as Baron Ayreton. We are in good hands my friends. Having seen the care and attention that Henry and Nadezda gave to the preparation for the investiture and for the event as a whole, I can say that I'm looking forward to the fun and pageantry in the coming years.

I want to take a moment here to remind everyone that even though we have a great Baron and Baroness to lead us, it will take each and every one of us to make this a successful barony. If you want to have fun, bring it. If you want to be a part of the pageantry that a barony can provide, help make it happen. If you want to learn more about the middle ages, then share what you know and listen to others when they share what they know. If you want to enjoy martial activities then make an effort to go to practices. If we all do the things we like to do and do them with everyone in the barony, we'll all have a great time.

*In your service,  
Richard de Scolay*

## **Minister of Arts and Science Report**

Greetings from the MOAS!

Our Gift basket project was well received and we had a wonderful number of people who contributed some excellent work. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Fall brings new projects and opportunities to learn and share. Please start your projects for this winter's Ayreton Baronial Artisans and Craftsmen's' faire. We would like to see some great entries again this year. Additionally there are a lot of other things coming up with lots of learning opportunities.

- Cooks Collegium- Vanished Woods- October 23- This is generating a lot of interest. We have a number of great classes and people coming in from all over.
- A&S Display is at Crown October 30- this is a good opportunity to show off your skills
- Kingdom Heraldic and Scribal Symposium is being held in conjunction with the All Souls Event on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We have some wonderful classes and teachers from all over the kingdom
- Royal University of the Midrealm- November 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by Rokkehealden. Hosts a number of different classes in all fields and interest areas including fighting.

Other Items of Interest:

- Ayreton A & S Academy- We need to plan another one last one was May hosted by Foxvale. Any volunteers and date suggestions are welcome
- The Vogue Warehouse Sale is November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - more information at <http://www.myvoguefabrics.com/html/salewarehouse.html>. This is a great opportunity to stock up. Warehouse sale is by the bolt so plan on going with the intent to buy in quantity and share or split bolts. There are some great trims and smaller pieces as well.
- Suppliers' data base: I am continuing to work on a listing of good sources of basic materials that craftsmen may need. If you have a source you particularly like especially if they have hard to come by products please contact me with their information. We will be putting together a listing similar to the Artisans listing and have it posted for all to refer to.

- MOAS report for Ayreton is due November 15<sup>th</sup>; please contact me with any group projects, performances or other items that may not have gotten into a local report.

YIS,  
Nicholaa, Ayreton MOAS

## Exchequer

While Their Excellencies sat in state, these are the items that I'm recording as being Baronial property. There were other items received of more personal nature, or as largesse, that I did not record as Baronial property.

Kingdom of Northshield: 2 goblets made of Agate from the Black Hills in Northshield  
 Barony of Andelcrag: 2 complete sets of feast gear (2 plates and bowl [ceramic painted with Ayreton arms], goblet [blue glass], fork/spoon/knife [steel] in each set) and fabric bags to store all of it  
 Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr: 2 glass goblets  
 Barony of Carraig Ban: 1 wooden box lined with blue and green felt, 1 herald staff (received a while ago, but noted here)  
 Barony of Cynnabar: 10 wooden war shield blanks, painted with the Ayreton arms, and a stencil to make more.  
 Barony of Donnerhafen: 1 wooden chest with Ayreton arms on top and beverage cooler section inside, made by the Baron.  
 Barony of Flaming Gryphon: 1 wooden chest with an arched top  
 Barony of Illiton: 2 cloaks, made of gold fabric with Baronial arms on the back  
 Barony of Northwoods: Silk pennant and pole  
 Barony of Shattered Crystal: 1 fighting pennant (Baronial arms surrounded by gold Midlands serpent)  
 Barony of Sternfeld: 2 spears with ash shafts and embossed leather covers  
 Barony of White Waters: Glass box  
 Shire of Ravenslake: \$200 in golden dollars  
 Company of the Occupied Otter: 1 double salt cellar (for feast kit)  
 Master Thomas Pennyngton: 1 marshall staff with Ayreton arms headpiece

I am told that there is a kneeling pillow being made but the embroidery wasn't finished yet so it will be arriving later. I know of no other planned gifts to the Barony.

After all this, I think the only things we lack are a set of 'official' thrones, and maybe a set of fighting tabards to go with the shields. We are certainly well blessed by the generosity of our cousin Baronies and the nearby Kingdom, as well as the other groups that generously gave us gifts!

*Ghita, Exchequer*

## Pursuibant Report

### Awards Received by Ayreton Members

<u>SCA Name</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Name and Date of Event</u>
Henry of Exeter	Territorial Baron	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Nadezda ze Zastrizl	Territorial Baroness	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Sabah al Rashid	Knight	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Aethelwulf of Dover	Evergreen	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Richard de Scolay	Silver Oak	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Kevin Ambrozijwski	Silver Oak	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Guerric des Wildes Fuchs	Willow	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Jane the Tall	Willow	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Yamanura Kitsune	Willow	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Berngard Solgai called Moose	Purple Fret	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Anne d'Aix	Purple Fret	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Elias the Brute	Purple Fret	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Ayreton Angels	Purple Fretty	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010

Foxvale Servers & Stewards	Purple Fretty	Rose Tourney 11 Sept 2010
Jocelyn Lutterworth	Grant of Arms	Pennsic 12 Aug 2010
Philip White	Dragon's Heart	Pennsic 12 Aug 2010
Tedesco de Venezia	Bronze Ring	Simple Day 24 Jul 2010
Gavin White of Westburgh	Evergreen	Simple Day 24 Jul 2010

### **Court report from Stone Dog Inn for the Court of Nadezda and Henry:**

The job of Timekeeper was established to limit courts to within one hour

The Baroness and Baron offered an Official Challenge: 40 for 40 (Pennsic), and laid out goals for the challenge, to have 40 participants for each activity (fighting, archery, A&S, Angels) for Pennsic 40. The rest of the kingdom will be looking at us as the newest barony. To lead us towards these goals we need more than just the baroness and baron. This challenge will be led by Their Excellencies Champions:

- Heavy - Seamus Mcbain
- Rapier - Gwynneth verch Ieuan
- A&S - Jocelyn of Lutterworth
- Archery - Lukas Mesmer

THANK YOU from the Baroness & Baron (gifts were given):

For sewing Investiture garb for the Baroness & Baron: Mistress Juliana Peri da Novellara, THL Phebe Bonedeci, Lady Vittoria Gouvernante, Lady Jane the Tall, Lady Verena Entenwirt, Lady Jadwiga

For Investiture feast: Lady Kara Altadottir

For providing Boat & Post Feast party: Thieves of Hearts

For providing Setup & Clean-up at Investiture: Ansel Claybourne, Lord Aethelwulf of Dover, Berngard Solgai, called Moose, THL Elaine Ladd, Emma of Foxvale, Katarina la Feye, Kateline Carleton, Sir Fern de la Foret, Lady Francesca del Mar, Lord Gareth Ostwestly, THL Hillary of Langforde, Lady Kara Altadottir, Lord Richard de Scholay, Master Robyyan, Lord Xavier

For Stone Dog Inn Feast: Lady Gwenllian Sion Crestin & Lady Bojei Temur Beki

For Fighting for Ayreton this year, including siege crew: all of the Ayreton Fighters

REQUESTS were made of the following Individuals:

- THL Kevin Ambrozjewski was charged with making a Baronial Seal
- Etienne Le Couteau des Roches & Master Thomas Penyngton were charged with making Leather Coronets

OTHER Business

- Baroness Julienne La Follette was given (via TWM) Chatelaine Packet gifted to us during Investiture
- People attending their first event were also recognized
- Their Excellencies reminded the populace that they continue to seek their input on award ideas. Several are in the works, but will take some time to go through the College of Heraldry.

Congratulations and Thank You to all of the hard working and talented members of our Barony!

## Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Baronial and Canton Officers, please take note of these upcoming report dates.

Officer	Canton Officer Report Due Date	Baronial Officer Report Due Date
Archery Marshal	December 1	December 1
Chatelaine	Novemeber 1	December 1
Chronicler	January 1	January 1
Exchequer	January 31	January 31
Herald	December 31	December 31
Knights Marshal	December 1	December 1
Minister of Arts & Sciences	January 1	January 15
Rapier Marshal	December 1	December 1
Seneschal	January 15	January 22
Webminister	January 1	January 1

## News from Ayreton

### Royal Gate Guard and Peer-on-Duty Thanks

#### **Pennsic Guard Duty**

*by Master Philip White*

Howdy Ayreton!

Please thank our volunteers who signed up for Royal Gate Guard and Peer-on-Duty at Pennsic, on behalf of Ayreton.

They included:

Curtis Penyngton  
Fern De La Foret  
Gareth Oswestly  
Hilary of Langeford  
Margrett Norwoode  
Richard de Scolay  
Robyyan Torr d'Elandris  
Tacit Darby  
Thomas Penyngton

There were also a number of volunteers who helped individually at other times for Royal Gate Guard, Peer-on-Duty and as Royal Retainers.

This is another excellent show of our work as a Barony and continues to give Ayreton a great reputation across the Kingdom.

Thanks everyone! Yay Ayreton!

~philip

## **Foxhunt Event Report** *by Lord Gareth Ostwestly*

Foxhunt/Investiture/Rose Tourney was the little event that grew...and grew...and then grew some more. We were excited (also read as scared-to-death) after our initial discussion with Sarafina led to Foxhunt being redesigned as a large event with more Royalty than you could shake a stick at. Not that we would shake sticks at our Royalty. We like them. They made us a BARONY. The event was attended by 439 people, not just our Kingdom but there were also representatives from the Kingdom of Ealdormere and the Kingdom of Northshield.

Obviously, this was much bigger than Foxvale, and rightly so as it was the Barony of Ayreton's Investiture. We, being part of the Barony, luckily had the (then Incipient) Barony ready to step up to the plate and play with us. Not to mention our neighbors from Ravenslake. The event started out on Friday night with all pitching in to ...well pitch tents. The Rose tent needed to be pitched, merchant tents needed to be pitched, flies and pavilions needed to be pitched. So pitch we did. The list field was set up and looked great. Food was moved into the kitchen, tables in the barn were wiped down, and paperwork was organized at the Gate.

Saturday brought a bit of concern (also read panic) as along with the concern came the rain. It drizzled, it dripped, it even poured, and people worked, played and laughed throughout the rain. One might even say that there was singing in the rain. Luckily the rain parted in time for investiture court, which gave us five new cantons, a new baronial couple, a song of our very own and a throng of cheering populace. This led to Rose Tourney; including more cheering, great acts of chivalry and honor, some shouting on the part of the heralds and a lot of really cool garb. There was also archery, much to the dismay of the moving fox. We had 25 to 30 shooters that participated.

Evening court was a regal affair and many Ayreton members were rewarded for their hard work, efforts and skills. Our Baron and Baroness added to the presence by sitting in state with Their Majesties, with some mighty impressive new Baronial gifts on display. Check out the official Spears of Ayreton gifted from the Barony of Sternfeld. Not to mention the nifty shields, and cool baronial feast gear, heraldic staffs, marshal staffs, display boxes to hold other cool stuff, a fighting pennant and a pennant for the presence. There was even \$200 golden dollars to place in the baronial coffers from the Shire of Ravenslake.

As the sun was setting, evening court gave way to the feast in the barn. The barn itself looked more like a medieval hall than a barn due to the many banners that decorated the walls. Autumn flowers filled the tables and feast was brought out for the members sitting both high and low feast. Lady Kara outdid herself creating a feast that was delivered under the direction of our servers. The subtleties, while not so subtle...the pig looked like, well, a pig...were indeed delicious. Entertainment was provided, again by many of the talented members of the barony and friends of the barony.

The night continued on for many at the Pirate Ship brought to us by Captain Anton and his merry band of privateers. Many of us gathered there for company, stories, retelling of the day's events and the pleasure of each other's company. Many appetinis were consumed. Along with homebrewed meads, bears and ales. It is with gratitude and warmth that once again, the members of Ayreton and the friends of Ayreton need be thanked. It was through the efforts of all, that all were able to enjoy the weekend. Thank you for all of the help, the laughter, the songs. It is our willingness to share of ourselves that make what we do so special. I am proud to be Ayreton.

*Ld. Gareth Ostwestly*



## **Chronicle of the Rose Tourney** *by Countess Fern de la Foret*

The Ayreton Investiture event was a day of beautiful weather, a lovely scenic site, music everywhere, and gorgeous clothes and armor. The hospitality of the Barony and the good organization of the event autocrats were much in evidence throughout the day.

After the Investiture Ceremony, the new Baron Henry and Baroness Nadezda assisted Their Majesties to preside over the Rose Tourney.

There were many clever innovations in this Rose Tourney which added to the wonderful effect. The advance arrangements by the hosting group, the Canton of Foxvale, were outstanding. Lists were beautiful, made new for the occasion with list bannerettes and corner flags. The ground layout of the lists was perfect. The generous spaces between the four lists allowed good visibility from four sides and the Ladies of the Rose were able to stand at the very edge of the lists to accompany their teams closely.

The surrounding pavilions were very scenic, not a modern anachronism in sight! The lunch pavilion was perfectly situated for convenient viewing, and sumptuously outfitted with delicious lunch, charming decorations, and very helpful staff. The lunch pavilion had 3-4 small tables and chairs --rather like a street café with many drop-in visitors.

Considering that this tourney was to honor those who inspire the fighters, it was appropriate that the consorts of the team members were also honored. (After all, they are very likely to be future Ladies of the Rose). The consorts had a refreshment pavilion for themselves, and they also received a souvenir token of a chocolate rosebud. This is the first time that the consorts have been so honored at a Rose Tourney.

When the teams were all chosen, the grand Rose Procession began, with each team being presented to Their Majesties and to the crowd. The procession included excellent flowery speeches during the presentation, and a good amount of poetic boasting about the elegance of the team and honor of the Rose Tourney. Each team was introduced by a flourish of shawms and trombones! (Another innovation which has never been seen before!)

The list field was full of fighters. Sixteen teams took the field, headed by Her Majesty Ceinwen, Duchesses Caitlin, Aislinn, Brigh, Eanor, Rebekah, Kateryn, Elina, AnneMarie, Countesses Fern, Guinevra, Runa, Tessa, and Viscountesses Astrid, Isabella, and Aillieane. Each lady had a team of five: one knight, three unbelted heavy fighters, and one fencer. About half of the team members were chosen during the morning, including most of the fencers.

The format of the tourney was double elimination by teams. This means that each match was five fights, so that each team member fought once in each round. Naturally, the fencers fought each other, and typically the members of the Chivalry fought each other. That left three pairings which could be determined by superior strategy, or by chivalrous speeches, or by other means.

The tourney fights were masterpieces of chivalry, skill, and diplomacy. The Ladies of the Rose very much enjoyed their position as “team captains” and they took an active part in every aspect of the tourney rounds. There was even a little bit of good-natured “trash talk”, as the Ladies bragged about their chosen teams! After a number of excellent fights, and some good tension, Duchess Aislinn’s team carried the day.

The Ladies of the Rose also supported an Arts competition at this Rose Tourney, another innovation. Each Lady of the Rose was entitled to sponsor two entrants, one Laurel and one member of the populace. The contest entries followed the theme of “A Representation of Chivalry in Any Medium”. The various entries were very impressive, including entries in glass, woodworking, and performances of music and storytelling. The winner was the storytelling by Lady Zsof. The logic of the judgment was unexpected: Duke Sir Finvarr de Taahe was the judge, and his extensive reading in medieval history gave him the 16th century definition of chivalry as a situation in which somebody dies. The winning entry therefore, was a story about a battle in which the enemy died.

For the Ladies of the Rose, it was one of the best Rose tourneys ever. Thank you so much to the members of the Barony of Ayreton, who were responsible for this magical event.



## **A Letter to Ayreton**

*Several of us received copies of a truly wonderful thank you note from Duchess Caitlin Stuart. Since she specifically said that it should be shared, we have included it in the newsletter. There was an amazing amount of work that went into Rose Tourney and Investiture, it is wonderful to see that work appreciated, and moreso to be able to share that appreciation! Ayreton, You've done yourself proud!*



Good gentles,

I would like to thank the Barony for your outstanding efforts hosting the Rose Tourney in conjunction with your Baronial Investiture.

It was incredibly gracious of you to agree to host the Rose Tourney, especially since you had something so near and dear to your hearts already planned for the day. Few would willingly share their spotlight with another high-profile group and to do so was an unparalleled act of Largesse.

Having attended all of our Rose Tournaments as well as many hosted by other Kingdoms has provided me with a large frame of reference with which to make comparisons. I have to say that by FAR you were head & shoulders above the norm. Y'all sure know how to throw a party!

While I have come to expect a certain level of attention to amenities, NEVER have I been so impressed by absolutely EVERY facet of an event, and I'm truly at a loss to say what impressed me the most. Stewards of future Rose Tournaments will be cursing Ayreton's name as you have set the bar so high that anyone following in your footsteps will be hard-pressed to even come close.

If I had to summarize this event in one word, that word would be "surprising". As the day progressed and different activities unfolded, every time I turned around I encountered something that had been done differently by your Barony than has been done by anybody else, and just when I thought it couldn't get any better, it DID!

However, I'd like to start off by saying that I was made to feel more special as a member of the "Old Dead Queen's Club" than I was at many of the events I attended when I served as Crown. Its more or less obligatory to accommodate the Crown, but you went out of your way to make me, a nobody, feel like a very special somebody, and for that you have my gratitude.

So how did I love this Tournament? Let me count the ways:

Let's start off with the most direct route to my heart.... my stomach!! Thus, my first segment of praise is for the Luncheons, which were as much of a feast for the eye as they were for the palate. Everything was so beautifully presented, tasty, and appropriate to the warm summer weather. Surprise #1 of the day: while it is customary for the Ladies of the Rose to enjoy a Luncheon, no one has ever thought to provide one for the Consorts of the combatants as well. What a considerate thing to do and a fine example to set. That was truly above and beyond.

In conjunction with this it was obvious that the group of people responsible for so tastefully decorating the Luncheon pavilions (among others) should be praised for the loving care taken to provide us with such beautiful surroundings. Indeed, you made the best use of a terrific site.

Then there were the Musicians with their incredible offerings. Surprise #2: to be trumpeted into the Processional was a totally amazing touch.... I felt like I was walking into a Book Of Hours! It sent shivers down my spine.

From what I have been given to understand, the following people were responsible and I would be indebted if you would thank them for me:

- Master Robyyan: for organizing the musicians
- Master Robyyan, Ladies Margrett & Margerethe for the Rose processional loud band
- The members of Par Tre: Masters Robyyan & Philip and Lord Adam, for the soothing background music played during Luncheon.
- The Pippins for their vocal music as well as Court & Country

- The members of The Baron's Noyes: Masters Robyyan & Philip, Lord Adam, Lady Margaret, Mistress Amelie and Sir Fern, for the Instrumental music.
- Of particular meaning to me on several levels was the piece of music written specifically for the Ladies of the Rose by Mistress Amelie. As a Lady of the Rose I was honored, touched and humbled to be both the subject & recipient of such an outstanding piece of work. It brought tears to my eyes. On an advanced level as a one-time professional musician (York Philharmonic Orchestra) and a student of both modern (Royal Conservatory Of Music) and medieval music (University of Toronto, Faculty of Music) I was able to appreciate it for its complex harmonies and construction.

### Suprise #3: the gift baggies

Coming away from a Rose Tournament with a full stomach, fond memories and a sunburn is about par for the course, but to be provided with souvenirs of such a memorable day was the icing on an already delicious cake. This was totally unexpected, exceedingly generous and I . Was. Just. Floored! No one has ever done that. I like receiving gifts as much as the next person, but honestly it wasn't about the "stuff"; it was that you thought to do it.

Again, I would be in your debt if I could impose upon you to thank the following people for their generosity and thoughtfulness:

- Goblets & Venetian fans: Mistress Sarafina & household
- Pewter cast buttons: Baron Etienne. I have been saving the kickin' buttons that His Excellency gifted us with at last year's Rose Tournament for a special piece of garb. I now have enough for a full garment and will use last year's buttons for the front of my cotehardie and this year's gift for the sleeves. And I do believe that I will put a little fox somewhere in the appliqué as a remembrance of my wonderful day in the lands of The Barony Of (Overachievers) Ayreton.
- Gold Satin bags: Lady Alexandra & members of the Canton of Foxvale
- Tapestry bags, hand cream & modern toiletries: Her Excellency Baroness Nadezda
- Facial tissue covers with embroidered roses: Ladies Jadwiga and Arabella
- Scented soap: Lady Aelfwyn
- And of course let's not forget Her Honorable Ladyship Phebe who very capably administered to the List Table all day long.

I lacked for nothing during the day, and in fact your generosity and thoroughness extended to even before I arrived. Without Sir Fern's vigilance in, among other things, disseminating information to the Ladies of the Rose, answering questions and arranging crash space I would have missed out on a truly stellar event which I can honestly say was the highlight of my year, even surpassing Pennsic War!

It has been my honor to serve as Queen thrice across 2 Kingdoms, and in doing so I have traveled the length and breadth of the Known World, made the acquaintance of many fine people and attended some memorable events. But I don't think that I have ever felt as welcome and appreciated as I did this last weekend. Truly. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit of your people.

The people of the Barony of Ayreton made me feel like Queen for another day, and brought back joyous memories of when my Beloved and I enjoyed tournaments together.

Aside from the personal benefits to me as the recipient of such a gracious welcome, my observation is that the tremendous amount of work and attention to detail that made this event a spectacular success stands as testimony and incontrovertible proof that if any group deserves to be a Barony, it's you folks. I count myself fortunate to have borne witness to the Investiture.

I'm afraid that this has become much more of an essay than I had originally intended. It would have been easier to just say 'thanks everybody', but you put forth so much effort individually & collectively that it would be less than

courteous were I to take a shortcut. Even as thorough as I think that I have been, I fear that I have inadvertently left somebody out, so please extend a big "thank you" to anyone I have missed; truly this was an outstanding example of teamwork, and you have certainly accounted yourselves as a gem in the MidRealm Crown.

I am honored to have been a guest in your lands and should my coffers permit it I would love to come back to visit sometime soon.

With gratitude,

Duchess Caitlin Stuart,  
by the strong arms of Osis, Duchess of the Middle Kingdom & Lady of the Rose  
Nancy Frankel



### **Ayreton Investiture Ceremony**

*Editor's note: The Ayreton Investiture ceremony included boasts from each group, as they became cantons of the newly invested Barony. Because the boasts were read after the groups became cantons, the language reflects that. Here are a few of them for your enjoyment.*

### **Foxvale**

We of Foxvale, think it is more than fitting that we join with Ayreton at this Rose Tourney. It was a Rose Tourney that gave birth to the Shire of Foxvale, a little more than a year ago...making us the shortest lived "shire" in the history of the Midrealm as today we have become a canton! We are small in numbers but mighty in service and we all offer our service to Ayreton: Our swords, our needles and thread, our talents and skills, our serving platters and our hands and hearts. So say we...the ex-shire of Foxvale.

### **Rokkehealden**

Rokkehealden  
The Stone Tower of the Midrealm  
That has cultivated many talents  
Including the Rokkehealden Scriptorium  
Accomplished wood craftsmen  
Skilled pottery workers  
Gifted seamstresses  
Proficient archers  
And brilliant feastocrats

Feastocrats willing and able to serve visitors from the south, way down under, at a moments notice.

Rokkehealden  
The shire, now canton, that's name has been misspelled more times than there are people in the Midrealm.

And last, but certainly not least, your Baron, brought to you by Rokkehealden.

### **Vanished Wood**

Emergent from the SYLVAN VALE, the Shire of Vanished Wood is haven for the modern world weary. Populated by the known world's most beautiful women, bravest men, and the sweetest precocious children, her inhabitants enjoy life in the Current Middle Ages free of mundane concern. Her populous is well known for their uncommon creativity, bountiful table, and prodigious drinking – for who has not applied for assignment in the Vanished Wood Drinking Regiment which

boasts members of the peerage from across the Midrealm and beyond? Since the dawn of living memory, ALL SOULS have been invited to join in friendly jousts, intellectual and artistic pursuits, and feasts that peril the immortal soul with the sin of gluttony. And like the fabled “Hotel California” of poetry and song, those gentles who have moved away to even distant kingdoms, well know, “You can check-out any time you like, but you can never leave!”

### **Tree-Girt-Sea**

How deep the dungeon where I guest  
I still can whistle when the wind blows west;  
And that wind blows through an apple tree  
In a grove by the shore of the Tree Girt Sea  
Where mine own lady waits for me.

When the wind is loud in her apple trees  
I can whistle in the west running breeze  
And that same gale blow back to me  
The loyal swords of Tregirtsea,  
The dark horde under the command  
Of my brother, Bashta of the Bloody Hand,  
And maybe a prince, or a border lord,  
Or an errant knight with a thirsty sword,  
For my Lady waits by her apple tree  
Where half a kingdom does courtesy  
To Her Grace, Diana de Tregirtsea.

Hear the word of Sir Cariadoc of the Bow, the first to sit upon the Mighty Dragon Throne, whispered to his Queen Diana, and remember the blood of the Dragon runs deep and strong through our people and our lands. For we are the Fount Head! Through the prowess of our fighters, the talents of our artisans, and the sweat of our people, the Mighty Dragon was Born!



### **The Elevation of Ayreton**

WHEREAS the Incipient Barony of Ayreton has demonstrated steadfast resolve in the arts, sciences, and martial activities of our Society, and serve to Our Kingdom, and

WHEREAS they have met the requirements for advancement as set in Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism and the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and

WHEREAS they have sought and obtained the sage advice of our Curia Regis and the approval of Our Kingdom Seneschal,

THEREFORE, do We Radagaisus and Ceinwen, Regnum Mediterranae, hereby elevate and recognize the Barony of Ayreton as a full status Barony of the Middle Kingdom, entitled to all rights and responsibilities conveyed by this advancement.

Done this 11th day of September, AS XLV, while sitting on Our thrones in Our Shire of Foxvale.

### **The Creation of the Cantons**

*NOTE: This text was used for each shire or Province, with the name changed.*

WHEREAS the Shire of Foxvale has expressed their desire to maintain some autonomy while being part of the Barony of Ayreton, and

WHEREAS they meet the requirements for this change as set forth in Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Laws of the Middle Kingdom, and

WHEREAS they have sought and obtained the sage advice of our Curia Regis and the approval of Our Kingdom Seneschal,

THEREFORE, do We Radagaisus and Ceinwen, Regnum Mediterranea, hereby acknowledge and recognize the Shire of Foxvale as a Canton of the Barony of Ayreton, entitled to all rights and responsibilities conveyed by this advancement.

Done this 11th day of September, AS XLV, while sitting on Our thrones in Our Barony of Ayreton.



### **A Poem in Honor of Ayreton**

*By Lady Margrett Norwood*

#### **Ayreton**

As I wander far in foreign lands,  
My heart cries out for home;  
The glimm'ring embers of my hearth  
Call back whene'er I roam.

I've tried to live in other realms--  
But oft admit defeat,  
And pull my body homeward bound  
To follow heart's entreat.

The waters of the onion city beckon;  
Its turrets rise high in the sky--  
A tether ties us tight  
And endless crowds delight--  
My heart is joy-filled when I'm nigh.

So I wander not in foreign lands;  
I've learned no more to roam.  
There is no warmth to equal that  
Of when I'm coming home.

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### **~Ayreton Local Events~**

- 10/23: [Middle Kingdom Cooks Collegium](#) {Canton of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]
- 11/6: All Soul's In the New World / Middle Kingdom Scribal and Heraldic Symposium {Canton of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]
- 11/20: Fall RUM 2010 {Canton of Rokkehealden} [Oak Brook, IL]
- 11/20: [Grand Tourney](#) {Barony of Cynnabar} [Livonia, MI]
- 11/27: [St. Nicholas Toys for Tots Tourney](#) {Barony of the White Waters} [South Bend, IN]
- 12/11-12/12: [An Evening of Dance in Shattered Crystal](#) {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Belleville, IL]
- 1/8: [12th Night](#) {Canton of Tree Girt Sea} [Chicago, IL]
- 1/22-1/23 [Festival of Maidens XXXVIII: Seven Maidens for Seven Dragons](#) {Shire of Wurm Wald} [Urbana, IL]

## AD: NEW ACTIVITY

Are there any word puzzlers out there? Folks who find pleasure in puns? Crossword enthusiasts? Scrabble fiends? Does the fact that the word "SCHOOLED" is composed of the words SHOE and COLD interlaced perfectly make you smile? Do you know who Will Shortz\* is? Then you might be interested in a new puzzling group here in the Chicago area.

Based on the National Puzzlers League (<http://puzzlers.org>) and the San Francisco Bay Area Equinox Parties (<http://www.equinoxparty.org/>), the Chicago Puzzlers Salon & Grue Elimination Society will sponsor semi-annual puzzle and game parties, along with smaller gatherings throughout the year. There's also a chance that ChiPSaGES will be involved in launching the first-ever Chicago-based DASH hunt (<http://www.playdash.org/2/>), if there's enough interest.

You do NOT have to be particularly GOOD at puzzles to join in this group... in general, the focus will be on fun and delight in discovery, not competition and ratings. So don't be intimidated or nervous that you're not fast enough, smart enough or good enough. All you need is a healthy dose of curiosity and a pinch of perseverance!

Please email [mamagotcha@gmail.com](mailto:mamagotcha@gmail.com) or call Katje Sabin at 816-456-9014, and I'll get you onto the ChiPSaGES invitation list.

Thanks and happy puzzling!

*You are invited to the*  
**Middle Kingdom Cooks' Collegium**

Saturday October 23, 2010 from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Hosted by the Canton of Vanish Wood, a branch of the SCA,  
located in the Northwestern suburbs of Chicagoland.

The Middle Kingdom Cooks' Collegium is an event dedicated to expanding the knowledge and research for the arts and sciences of cookery during the Renaissance and middle ages. Come enjoy and exploration of tastes and textures while enjoying the company of some truly inspiring people.

Seminar details are available online at:

**[www.vanishedwood.org/cooks.php](http://www.vanishedwood.org/cooks.php)**

Check online for class details, schedule, teacher biographies and more. We will refresh information routinely so please check back for changes. Please note class sessions will be in modern clothing and that the evening meal will be in historical clothing. Please note

Registration will be the day of the event and will not be limited. Some classes may have limited space for participants or for class handouts. Please check class descriptions for details and contact instructors for further information.

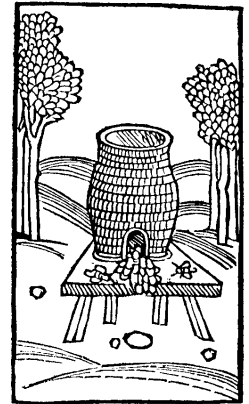
**Registration Fees:**

Adults and Children over 13: \$8.00

Non-member surcharge: \$5.00. Non-member surcharge applies to anyone without proof of SCA membership.

**Site Information:**

Roselle United Methodist Church  
206 Rush St. Roselle, IL 60172



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*The SCA ([www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org)) is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Our "Known World" consists of 19 kingdoms, with over 30,000 members residing in countries around the world. Members, dressed in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, attend events which feature tournaments, royal courts, feasts, dancing, various classes & workshops, and more.*

## ~Ayreton Activities Calendar~

*NOTE: A detailed email with the week's activities is sent every month by the Chronicler to the Ayreton email list, and is also available on the Ayreton website. Here is a summary of the activities regularly scheduled in the Ayreton area.*

### **Monday Activities**

**Barons Noyse:** Recorder consort and instrumental workshop. Any instrument is welcome. Absolute beginners please call first.

WHEN: Monday Nights from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Robbyan and Fern's. Address: 2506 W. Morse Ave, Chicago, IL 60645

CONTACT: Phone Number: (773) 764-1920



### **Tuesday Activities**

**Thieves Of Hearts Practice:** Group as well as one on one instruction in rapier combat for both singles and melee.

WHEN: Tuesday evenings 6:30pm to 9pm

WHERE: Glenbrook North High School. Address: 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, IL

CONTACT: <http://thieves.ayreton.org/>

**Weekly Project Night:** Everyone is welcome to bring current sewing projects or just an idea with them

WHEN: Every Tuesday night 7:30pm – 10:00pm

WHERE: 1496 E. Algonquin Rd in Des Plaines

CONTACT: Sarafina 312-493-2255

**Silver Thimble Guild For Conspicuous Consumption:** Join the Guild for sewing and garb research.

WHEN: Tuesday nights

WHERE: at Mistress Juliana's house, just Northwest of downtown

CONTACT: Mistress Juliana, 773-750-2180. Please call before coming.



### **Wednesday Activities**

#### **Tree Girt Sea Scribal Night**

Open to anyone in the Ayreton region who is interested in calligraphy and illumination.

WHEN: Meetings held the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month, 7:30 pm to 10 pm

WHERE: At the home of THL Jocelyn of Lutterworth (mka Vickie Rayhill)

CONTACT: 847-824-3814

**Court and Country:** Court and Country is a period vocal group in the northwest suburbs (Wheeling). We would love to add more voices to our group.

WHEN: Wednesday Nights from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Wheeling

CONTACT: Tabitha Pennywarden at [skycat@tds.net](mailto:skycat@tds.net).



**Ayreton Archery Practice:** Everyone is welcome -- please come out!

WHEN: Every Wednesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

WHERE: 7240 West Madison, Forest Park

CONTACT: Range Phone: 708 366 4864



### **Thursday Activities**

**Rokkehealden Scriptorium:** The Scriptorium is open to anyone who is interested in any aspect of the scribal arts.

WHEN: Same as Rokkehealden moots

WHERE: See Rokkehealden Moot location

CONTACT: For more information, go to: <http://www.midrealm.org/rokkehealden/>

**The Pippins:** The Pippins are an a capella singing group performing medieval and renaissance choral music

WHEN: Every Thursday, from 7:30 – 9:30 pm

WHERE: North side of Chicago (Andersonville)

CONTACT: Gianetta312-259-6688

### **Vanished Wood Sewing Guild**

We tend to meet twice a month, and the location rotates between various members' houses. Please direct any questions to Acelina, the seneschal of VW, at <djc137@aol.com> The meetings start around 6:30 p.m., and a dish to pass is encouraged as we tend to eat as well as sew. All interested people are welcome.



### **Friday Activities**

**Needlework/Fiber Arts Night:** Bring a project to work on or the willingness to learn something new.

WHEN: Every third Friday of the month, 6 pm - 10 pm

WHERE: Gretchen's place

CONTACT: For more information, email: [gschneid@oakton.edu](mailto:gschneid@oakton.edu)

**Period Cooks Night:** Everyone brings a period recipe and the ingredients to cook the dish, but we all get together and cook it together and then we sample all the dishes that night together!

WHEN: First Friday of the month

WHERE: TBD

CONTACT: [PeriodCooksNight@yahoo.com](mailto:PeriodCooksNight@yahoo.com)



### **Sunday Activities**

**Heralds At Home:** All area heralds, and any clients who wish to attend are welcome

WHEN: on the last Sunday of each month

WHERE: 3935 N. Kostner, Chicago

CONTACT: 773-286-5952

### **Ayreton Fighter Practice**

WHEN: Starts at 2 p.m. every Sunday.

WHERE: Ida Noyes Hall - 59th St. and Woodlawn Ave, Chicago

**Grey Gargoyles/Ayreton A&S Afternoons:** Come during fighter practice to do casual A&S, gab, et cetera. Timing coincides with the Ayreton fighter practices.

## ~Ayreton Groups On-Line~

*If your group has an online presence, let us know and we'll list it on this page!*

**Barony of Ayreton:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton/>

The Barony of Ayreton is the name for the Chicago area within the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), a non-profit historic research and educational organization devoted to the study and reenactment of past people and cultures, concentrating on pre-seventeenth century Europe during the Medieval, Middle-Ages, and Renaissance periods, and to reproduce the skills and arts of this era. This is in the Midlands region (Illinois) of the Middle Kingdom (Midrealm, the Great Lakes area of the Midwest of the United States). Go to <http://www.ayreton.org> and <http://www.sca.org> for more information.

**Ayreton Archers:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AyretonArchers/>

This is a group to help spread information to the Ayreton Area Archers. Practice times are listed under the Calendar link. Shooting hints and tips are under the Files link.

**Ayreton Brewers Guild:** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton\\_Brewing/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton_Brewing/)

This group is for all those gentles who wish to get together and pursue their interest in brewing and vinting. We are located in the Barony of Ayreton, in the Kingdom of the Midrealm. You do not need to be a member of the Barony to be a member of the group.

Here we discuss all matters pertaining the brewing of ales, mead, wines or cordials. We share recipes and tips, support and encouragement. This list is also the primary method for the guild to plan and disseminate information about upcoming meetings and workshops.

So whether you are an expert brewer or complete beginner, come join us, ask questions, learn, teach and share your experiences with those around you.

**Ayreton Cooks:** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton\\_Cooks/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton_Cooks/)

This is a group for the cooks of the Ayreton area. This group is for recipes, book reviews/recommendations, where to shop for things and for the future a cooking group based in the Ayreton region.

**Ayreton Scriptorium:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AyretonScriptorium/>

This is a discussion group for scribes in the SCA Barony of Ayreton located in Chicago and suburbs.

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