



# THE ZEPHYR



April 2020- Anno Societatis 54

## Greetings from our Baron and Baroness



Hello Ayreton,

First we want to extend our hopes and wishes that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. We have seen you reach out to help make masks and surgical caps to help the professionals on the front line, and join each other in teaching and learning online RUM classes, video chat with each other to encourage an ongoing community and find ways to support friends when they are struggling. You are truly Midrealm Strong and Ayreton Proud.

We would like to encourage you to continue to find ways to keep the Dream alive in whatever ways interest you. The following activities are available:

- On Facebook the Royal University of the Midrealm will continue through the end of April and will re-evaluate continuing on by the end of the month.
- SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display is also offering online classes and gives artisans and opportunity to display work that they are engaged in and answer questions while giving advice to others.
- Ayreton Online Chat is nightly starting at 7:30. In order to join us, you need to download the Zoom app on a computer, laptop, tablet or phone, then click on the link posted nightly on the Ayreton FB group.
- The Barony of Carraig Ban has a Wednesday night chat scheduled from 5 to 6 pm.
- The Barony of Carraig Ban is also issuing weekly arts challenges such as Best Pillow Fort, and Crazy Hat and Hair.
- The Honorable Clover FB page also offers classes for SCA members.
- SCA Learn Something (Small and New) Everyday has short videos and how to's.
- Midrealm and Royal University of the Midrealm have countless videos on Youtube.
- Wednesday night music with Pat and Mary (William and Isolde)
- Their Majesties will be conducting FB live courts on Saturday, April 18th at 5:30 Central - more courts may follow.
- The upcoming Midrealm Coronation will be live streamed.
- Both Northshield court and Atlantian coronation have been placed on Youtube.
- Scribin and Imbibn will be livestreamed! Details to follow.

Do as many of the above as you like, or as little as you'd like. This is a time to take care of you first. If you are interested in any of the above and are unsure how to connect to them, reach out to us and we will help. If you find other cool ways to keep people connected - post it! Someone will be interested. And keep checking out the FB group for Ayreton - we will continue to find ways to engage and connect to each other until we can once again be live and in person. Until then, if you need help - please reach out. We will do what we can to help. Be safe - be healthy!

. Gareth & Hillary



## Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings, Ayretonians!

I hope this issue of the Zephyr finds you and yours healthy, and as happy as possible under the circumstances.

I cannot lie, these are extremely trying times. Like many of you, I'm struggling - to stay connected, to keep getting things done, to stay sane when penned up at home. I miss going to events and seeing everyone. I miss putting on beautiful garb and feeling fabulous. I miss trekking all over the Kingdom.

This will pass, though, and it will be incredible to start seeing everyone again! I know many Ayretonians are taking the chance to hone skills, craft new garb and art, perform research, and practice recipes.

Remember that there's still a vast number of ways to connect with Ayretonians and other SCAdians, from the regular Ayreton chats on Zoom to RUM Online to the upcoming online edition of Scribin' and Imbibin'. Remember that in times like this, it's OK to not be OK sometimes. Remember that we're an amazing extended family, and we'll pull through this.

Stay healthy, everyone!

YIS,  
Tieron

### Announcement:

As per MidRealm Corpora, Ayreton will be going through the Baronial Polling and Transition Process this year beginning in late May. Stay tuned for more information.

### *Baronial Business Meeting*

**When:** Sunday May 31  
**Host Location:** Tree Girt Sea  
**Address:** Zoom (see call info below)  
**Contact:** ayreton.seneschal@midrealm.org  
**Gathering Time:** 3:00pm  
**Potluck & Meeting Time:** Online this time  
**Important Highlights:** Polling discussion

### Ayreton 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

When	Where
5/31/20	Tree-Girt-Sea
8/30/20	Vanished Woods
11/29/20	Grey Gargoyles
1/31/21	Foxvale
5/23/21	Rokkehealden
8/29/21	Tree-Girt-Sea
11/29/21	Vanished Woods

## Greetings from the Chronicler

Greetings Gentle Cousins,

This is how I closed my missive in the last issue:

*Enjoy the coming months, stay warm, and see you at events!*

In that moment I hoped that was true. In that moment none of us knew what was coming.

Now here we are in the middle of a global pandemic, which has put a big ol' pin in our hobby and our time together. I miss packing the car, putting on garb, learning cool things and laughing with all of you. Like many of you I'm working from home, grateful to have a job, and worrying about people who are struggling.

And yet I see the work we are all still doing, the cool projects, the engagement in e-SCA activities, and I feel hope. I asked people to share photos on Facebook of things they are working on while sheltering in place. I'm pleased to share some with you. Our Excellent Baroness has supplied a list of ways in which we can all keep participating in some aspect of the hobby we love.

It's also occurred to me, as perhaps it has to you, that we are actually having a kind of medieval experience here. Sheltering in place, making do with what we have, worrying about the health of our family and friends. It's very period.

I hope that you and yours are well, sheltering as comfortably as you may, and waiting, as I am, for the time we can be together again. Be well, friends.

YIS,

Evzenie

### Info on the Zoom call for the May Baronial Meeting:

Topic: Ayreton Baronial Meeting

Time: May 31, 2020 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97514027494?pwd=Sml2dTRQVGpJYmJ0U3ZMNTJISEVydz09>

Meeting ID: 975 1402 7494

Password: 012312

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Meeting ID: 975 1402 7494

Password: 012312

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adylXsB58T>

## The Barony Does SCA At Home

We are a creative bunch. Here are some pictures of how we are keeping it alive at home while keeping our social distance. Photos harvested with permission from the Barony Facebook group.



Baron Andreas Reads to us



The Pippins Sing!



Mistress Sarafina's scrolls

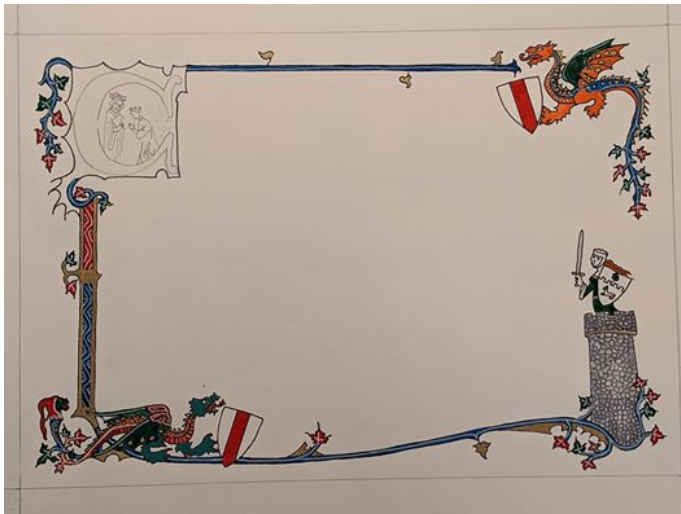


THL Mikhail scribes



Lady Thorun prepares for scroll cases





Mistress Sarafina makes more scrolls



Forester Wulf makes buttons.

## Be Part of the Ayreton Family Photos!

Their Excellencies Hillary and Gareth are taking this show on the road – And they hope you'll join them! As Ayreton travels around the kingdom (and beyond!), we will be organizing a group photo for folks from Ayreton to come out and represent. Details can be found with Their Excellencies or any members of their staff. (Look for their presence set up at the event!)



Ayreton at Better War Through Archery

### Group Information for the Barony of Ayreton

**The Barony of Ayreton** (Chicagoland area) Website: <https://ayreton.midrealm.org/>  
Email list: [groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton](mailto:groups.yahoo.com/group/Ayreton) Seneschal: Tieron Alainn  
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## Ayreton Activities

Always check with the organizer of an activity before attending. **DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

The best way to find updated info about Baronial Activities is to check out the Barony website

(<https://ayreton.midrealm.org/>) or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/baronyofayreton>)

### Sunday

*Silver Thimble Guild for Conspicuous Consumption*

Contact Mistress Juliana – (773) 750.2180

*Ayreton Authentic Cooking Guild* (4<sup>th</sup> Sundays unless noted) Contact: [ayretoncooks@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ayretoncooks@yahoogroups.com)

*Grey Gargoyles Fighter Practice*

Contact: Lady Susanna – [mickel14@att.net](mailto:mickel14@att.net)

### Monday

*Consort Music*

Contact: Master Robyyan - (773) 764.1920

### Tuesday

*Rapier Fighter Practice in Glen Ellyn*

Contact: Lord Tedesco - [tedesco@ayreton.org](mailto:tedesco@ayreton.org)

### Wednesday

*Court and Country Music Group*

Contact: [CourtAndCountry@gmail.com](mailto:CourtAndCountry@gmail.com)

*Archery Practice*

Contact: Forester Athelwulf of Dover -Aethelwulf@Dizzywulf.com

*Vanished Wood Sewing Circle*

Contact: Mistress Katherine – [knwkfw@yahoo.com](mailto:knwkfw@yahoo.com)

*Rapier Fighter Practice in Chicago*

Contact : Kevin Purtell [kpurtell@yahoo.com](mailto:kpurtell@yahoo.com)

*Renaissance Dance*

Contact: Rob Hicks [darclan28@yahoo.com](mailto:darclan28@yahoo.com)

### Thursday

*The Pippins – Madrigal and Early Music Singing Group*

Contact: Mistress Gianetta – (312) 259.6688

## Baronial Office Election Cycle

Office Title	Election Cycle	Next Election	Notes
Seneschal	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Webminister	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Exchequer	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
MoAS	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Knight Marshall	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Rapier Marshall	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Archery Marshall	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Chatelaine	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Thrown Weapons Marshall	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020
Chronicler	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Youth Minister	Odd Years	3rd meeting 2021	Announce 2nd meeting 2021
Herald	Even Years	3rd meeting 2020	Announce 2nd meeting 2020

### Upcoming Officer Reporting Schedule

Archery Marshal	June 1
Chatelaine	May 1
Chronicler	July 1
Exchequer	July 30
Herald	June 30
Knight's Marshal	June 1
MoAS	July 1
Baronial MoAS	July 15
Minister of Youth	July 15
Rapier Marshal	May 1
Equestrian Marshal	May 14
Seneschal	May 1
Baronial Sen.	May 15
Webminister	May 15

### Calendar of Selected Events

Go to the Midrealm calendar at

<https://a12c.encyva.com/apex/f?p=331:33:5737690411520:&tz=-5:00>

for a complete list.

**In-person events have been cancelled until the end of June.  
Stay safe, everyone.**

### Scribin' & Imbibin': Virtually May 16

Yes, all events are now cancelled through the end of June. But fear not for we have plans to bring Scribing and Imbibing to you.

We will offer classes, social break time, gaming and all the fabulous fun you expect of the event. We are currently working out the details and contacting teachers to organize classes and time slots. So watch this space for more information.

Sign up to teach here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1-2gtFBcNzWv1M1l-fGKvnHBVHK.../edit...>

Look on the Facebook event for more info

<https://www.facebook.com/events/175047687137383/>



**Ayreton Groups Online—Please note—this info is undergoing review. If you see any errors please let the Editor know.**

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

**Barony of Ayreton:** <https://www.facebook.com/baronyofayreton/>

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:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/118977078211315/>

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

**Ayreton Brewers Guild:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334422661748/>

This group is for all those gentles who wish to get together and pursue their interest in brewing and vintning. 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.



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