

The Murmurs

To the proud Barony of Aquaterra do we, Geirleikr and Zahra, send greetings.

We hope that you have all heard that SCA Inc. and our fair Kingdom of An Tir released guidelines for reopening. With this happy news local activities restarted at the beginning of July and events are allowed to resume as of August 1, 2021.

As such on August 7, 2021, we will be hosting Aquaterra Champions, our first event in 19 months. With this gathering comes all the joy, excitement, sadness, expectation, and anticipation we've been feeling during our time apart.

We are so proud of the Barony. During this time of physical distance we have seen the continued comradrie, growth, and support for each other that makes us honored to be the

Coronets of Aquaterra. As we move forward, we look to offer both grace while we re-acclimate ourselves to each other's physical presence and understanding as we gain awareness of each other's comfort levels.

We greatly look forward to time with all of you either around a list field or a campfire where we can meet in peace with love, respecting our neighbors and ourselves. Allow us to treat all that surrounds us and those with us as if they were the most precious trinket borrowed from our dearest friend.

We remain in devoted service,

Geirleikr and Zahra

Coronets of Aquaterra

Aquaterra has lost a light



Dame Rosamund of the Misty Meadows, third Baroness of Aquaterra, and member of the Order of the Pelican passed from this world on July 5, 2021. Dame Rosamund was friend, mentor, and mother to many, and her influence on Aquaterra will persist for generations. Dame Rosamund and her family joined Aquaterra at its October 1982 meeting bringing with them their household, Ravenstream. As second Chronicler of the Shire of Aquaterra, serving from November 1982 to April 1987, Dame Rosamund was the originating Chronicler in An Tir to publish informative and educational articles as well as event copy in a local newsletter. While her illustrious career began as chronicler, Dame Rosamund did not stop there holding multiple offices in the barony including notably second baronial herald and seneschal "so many times *she* lost count".

For the August 1995 general meeting Dame Rosamund came upon an unusual idea to increase the coffers for Murmurs. She auctioned a truly tacky necklace which had been made and donated by the Honorable Lady Julitta of Rosehaven. Baron Cedric Wlfraven purchased it and immediately donated it back to the Shire. It was auctioned a second time to Jarl Barak Ravensfury. This was such a fun way of doing the auction it was decided that Jarl Barak Ravensfury would return the necklace next month (after adding some other truly tacky item to

it) for an additional auction. The Ugly Necklace Tradition of Aquaterra was thus born. The purchaser bought the privilege of holding the necklace for one month and adding their own tacky item to it. This fund-raiser was quite successful for about two years until the populace chose to retire the necklace.

Dame Rosamund was a glorious example of our volunteer organization. On September 4, 1983 during court at September Crown King Manfred and Queen Morwyn acknowledged Rosamund of the Misty Meadows as a lady of the court with an Award of Arms. For work within the Kingdom of An Tir the then Lady Rosamund was entered into the Order of the Goutte de Sang by King Thorin and Queen Sineidin on January 27, 1996. She also was received into the Order of the Jambe de Lion by King Davin and Queen Groa on January 25, 2003. At Ursulmas on January 24, 2009, Dame Rosamund was granted admission into the Order of the Pelican by King Vik and Queen Inga.

In June of 1998, Dame Rosamund became the Baronial Pursuivant Herald and helped to write the first baronial ceremonial with aid of the Honorable Lady Dianna of Silver Shore. A member of the second class of candidates for the Order of the Sergeantry, Dame Rosamund underwent the Sergeantry Trials on September 5, 1998 and received her buckle as a Courtier. Master Robyrt of Watersyde who was Clarke of the Order at the time asked her to become the Order's first training officer and to develop a curriculum. She continued in that capacity for the next eight years. For service in Aquaterra Baron Julian and Baroness Arianne entered Dame Rosamund's name into the Order of the Silver Dolphin on January 27, 1997, the Order of the Plate on March 31, 2001, the Order of the Stag on September 27, 2001 and the Order of the Golden Estoille on December 7, 2002. She also received the last Baroness's Favor given by Baroness Arianne on January 25, 2003. They also gave the greatest Aquaterran honor available to Dame Rosamund when they inducted her into the Order of the Falcon's Talon on December 16, 1998.

Dame Rosamund and Baron Wyll Hauk became the third Coronets of Aquaterra at Ursulmas of 2006 by the hand of King Sven and Queen Signy and they stepped down at Ursulmas of 2012.

A scholar at heart, Dame Rosamund taught several classes in heraldic art, medieval heraldic art concepts, banner making, beginner sewing, persona development, and the role of women in chivalry. She also became known as "The Banner Baroness" because she continually encouraged everyone to make a heraldic banner display. She, herself, created more than 100 banners for her household, the Barony, and various other people of An Tir.

As she has rejoined Baron Hauk and is no longer a physical presence with us the light she kindled in many will continue to light the way for others. May she always be remembered for her kind heart, gentle mentorship, giving spirit, and loving soul.

-Zahra bint al-Rammah, sixth Shayhka of Aquaterra

Review of the book *Ashkenazi Herbalism*

By HL Katarzyna Miloshowa

I recently finished a wonderful and informative book called “Ashkenazi Herbalism, Rediscovering the Herbal Traditions of Eastern European Jews” by Deatra Cohen and Adam Siegel.

This book is an overview of Ashkenazi Jewish folk and herbal medicine in the Pale (Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus and Eastern Russia). The book is split into two sections. The first section is an overview of folk and herbal traditions. It has great information on Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism in regards to healing and illness. There is also a good amount of information on the role of women in folk medicine and healing. Though not focused on the Middle Ages, this section has a good amount of history of that period. The second half is focused on the herbs that were used. This is my favorite part, honestly. The herbs are listed with the name of the plant in several languages, including Hebrew and Yiddish! The book also has a huge bibliography and is well noted.

I highly recommend this book for anyone. But it is especially helpful for those with an Ashkenazi Jewish persona and/or those interested in herbal medicine.

Visit your local library and pick up this amazing read!

Aquaterra Champions Approaches!

Saturday, August 7th

8:00am - 9:00pm

21103 Tyee Road Mt. Vernon, WA. 98274

The event is being held on private property and has no parking lot, so parking will be tricky. Please have patience. Inside the gate there will be a drop off zone for your gear. Afterwards you will be directed to a local school parking lot to park your vehicle. Two shuttles will be in use all day to run between the site and the parking lot. A small amount of disabled parking will be on site. Again, please have patience.

The schedule is as follows;

8:00am ~ Gate opens.

9:30am ~ Morning court. Please bring your letters of intent to present to Their Excellencies of Aquaterra and their visiting Cousins

Directly after court Games and Thrown Weapons tournament will begin.

Noon ~ Heavy tournament.

1:30pm ~ Archery tournament.

2:00pm ~ Rapier tournament.

5:30pm ~ Evening court.

There will be Enchanted Ground available all day to practice your Persona Development.

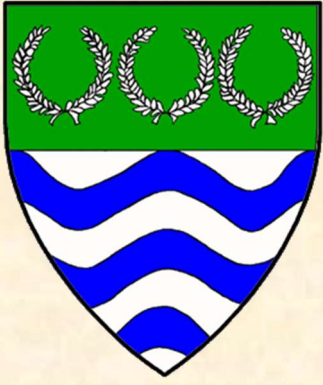
Bardic performances will happen throughout the day.

There will also be a few merchants available as well.

IMPORTANT ~ Due to COVID restrictions there will be no water bearers available. Please bring your own hydration and snacks.

Many thanks to those who participated in the service day on Saturday, both those who cleared the grounds for the event site and those who created loaner garb for visiting children.





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