

# The Aardvarkian



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## Stuff

Thanks to Morag Freyser for contributing her poems for publication. And a belated thank you to Conga for The Dragon's Story, published last month.

Congratulations to the the organisers of Stick Jox IV – a great event despite the weather!

Apologies to anyone who may have sent in material at the end of January. At the time of publication the Deputy Chronicler's telephone line is dead.

## Official stuff.

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## From the Deputy Chronicler

Greetings!

The new year is well and truly begun and that means more events! Check out the Coming Events section for the revels of our neighbouring groups and give them your support.

This month also sees the Terpsichorean arts arrive in our fair Shire, courtesy of our new Arts and Sciences officer, Lady Catalina. Hope to see you all at the first dance practice on February 19 (details in the Arrowsreach section of Coming Events)

Yours in Service  
Ceridwen ferch Dafydd ap Cradog



## From the Marshal

Unto the populace of Arrowsreach does Margie of Glen More send greetings.

Firstly, for the past six months I have held the office of Knight Marshal of Lochac while Sir Alfar has worn the coronet of Lochac. I would like to thank all those who supported me during this time, in particular Gawayne and the group marshals of Lochac.

Secondly, although I will no longer be Knight Marshal I am still the one who is working on getting our combat rules organised for when we become a kingdom in July. The commentary period is now over. I would like to sincerely thank all those who made comments, offered suggestions and pointed out my typos. Your assistance was invaluable. Society Marshal is happy with what we have done.

As many of you are no doubt aware, Kingdom of the West published new combat rules in November. Some of these differ from previous kingdom rules and also differ from our proposed rules. Because it would be confusing and unnecessary to change to accommodate the new West rules, and then have to change again in a few months time, Earl Marshal of the West has given Lochac dispensation not to conform to West rules that differ from our proposed rules. There are some notable differences in use of low profile thrusting tips. If there are any queries about rules during the changeover period please contact me. [Mhenley@zip.com.au](mailto:Mhenley@zip.com.au) or 03 9736 1063.

Also I would like all to be aware that any new helms made in Lochac must be made of minimum 1.6mm steel – this includes ‘light’ helms. (This is necessary to accommodate changes to Society rules.)

Yours in Service,  
Margie of Glen More.

## A Blending of the Past and Present

Over the past eleven years in an ongoing effort, I have been collecting bits of useful information from various newsgroups, mail lists and articles submitted to me by their authors. In order to make this information available to others, I have placed this information in a series of files I call Stefan's Florilegium.

The Florilegium is on the web at: <http://www.florilegium.org>

Files that are new or have been updated are indicated by a special marker in the filelists at the website. In addition, the file-updated-files is a listing of these files in chronological order.

A copy of my complete filelist is available in most sections of the website. This filelist or any of my files is also available from me by email in either Word or text formats.

If you find a bad link or other problem with the Florilegium website, please let me know. Once I know about a problem I can usually fix it that day but if no one alerts me to a problem it may be months before I notice it myself.

I am always interested in new articles. If you have written an article that would be of interest to others in the SCA, please send it to me for possible inclusion in the Florilegium. Contact me for more details.

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The new files for this month are:

under **BEVERAGES**:

absinthe-msg A cordial made with wormwood.

under **CELEBRATIONS**:

Jewish-Holiday-art "Jewish Holiday Traditions of the Sephardic Peoples" by Lady Sindara Lind Rachael.

under **COMBAT**:

Swords-bib A bibliography on swords and sword construction by Master Magnus Malleus.

under **FOOD-BOOKS**:

Fabulous-Fsts-msg Reviews and comments on Madeleine Pelner Cosman's "Fabulous Feasts"

Markham-msg Gervase Markham and his The English Housewife published in 1615.

under **MEDIEVAL-LIFE**: (This is a new section)

Gram-Letter1-art "A Pilgrim's Journey Planned" by Lady Shara of Starwood. Making a walking staff.

Gram-Letter2-art "On the Obtaining and Preparation of a Water Gourd" by Lady Shara of Starwood.

Gram-Letter3-art "The Making of a Water Bottle for Thy Journey" by Lady Shara of Starwood.

Gram-Letter4-art "Harvest Season" by Lady Shara of Starwood.

Gram-Letter5-art "Belated Yule Tide News" by Lady Shara of Starwood.

Gram-Letter6-art "12th Night and the Plowboys" by Lady Shara of Starwood

Gram-Letter7-art "Winter Work and Lifetime Loves" by Lady Shara of Starwood.

Gram-Letter8-art "Last Minute Advice" by Lady Shara of Starwood. Herbs, Spring, Travel food.

under **SCA-CAMPING**:

ice-chests-msg Using ice chests at SCA events. Disguises.

under **SCA-INC**:

sprd-out-grps-msg Handling SCA groups spread over a large area

under **STRUCTURES**:

tent-transprt-msg Transporting tents and pavilions.

Here are some of the files which have had significant additions this last month:

high-table-msg Setting up and serving the High Table.  
Manx-msg The Isle of Man. Manx personas. references.  
mushrooms-msg Period mushrooms. Recipes.  
salads-msg Period salads. lettuce, greens.

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*To sit and wonder at life's mystery  
Is to ponder deeply on the meaning  
Of life, of love, of all divinity.  
Aye, the majesty of God's inspiring  
Touch does indeed shew unto man himself  
The small role given him on this green earth.  
Take care with these ponderings on belief;  
Such thoughts lead a man to question his worth.  
But man, however small his role, doth need  
His God in Heaven and His earthly creed.*

*Morag Freyser*



# Forthcoming Arts and Sciences Competitions.

## Kingdom of the West

**March Crown – 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2002 (To Be Announced)**

Details not yet available

## Kingdom of Lochac

**First Crown Tourney – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2002 (Hosted by Mordenvale at the Rowany Festival)**

**Embroidery:** Drawn Thread Work

**Woodworking:** Seating – chairs, benches & stools

**Cooking/Brewing:** Cordials and non-alcoholic beverages

**Everyday Item:** Metalwork – a domestic item (spoons, candle holders etc)

**First Coronation – 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July (Politarchopolis)**

**Textiles:** Knitting – any documentable item

**Martial:** A documentable chainmail item

**Everyday Item:** Banners – you or your households' device as a banner

**Calligraphy/Illumination:** A page from a Bestiary

**Spring Crown ASXXXVII (To Be Announced)**

**Accessories:** Gloves and mittens

**Everyday Item:** Children's toys, dolls or games

**Cooking:** Confectionary – period sweets

**Research:** Medicinal Plants – plant lists, uses and designs for a medicinal garden

**Twelfth Night Coronation ASXXXVII (To Be Announced)**

**Textiles:** Tablet weaving – a finished item or a min 50cm piece

**Martial:** documentable item of leather armour

**Calligraphy/Illumination:** Pigments and inks – made from raw materials

**Everyday Item:** Soaps, salves and waters – items for the medieval toilet

## Barony of Stormhold - Pearls of Wisdom

**December Monthly Bash – Belt**

**January Bash - Favour**

**February Bash - Cordial (non-alcoholic)**

**March Bash - Camp stool**

**April Bash - Picnic food**

**May Bash – Pennants**

**June Bash - SCA- legal weapon**

**July Bash -Headgear**

**August Bash - Fighting accessory**

**September Bash - Pouch**

**October Bash - Voice heraldry**

**November Bash - Poem on the virtues of chivalry**

### William Marshal

Embroidery – 16<sup>th</sup> Century styles

Children's Toys

Tableware – Plates spoons etc (individual pieces or sets)

### Newcomers

Heraldic display

Costume accessories — head or footwear

Cooking — suckets .

### Winter feast

Dance — individual performance within a dance (dance yet to be decided)

Textiles— woven braid

Brewing — ale or beer

### Event not listed yet

Martial —documentable piece of leather

Campcooking accessory

Camping or tourney outfit — complete from head to toe (not armour ).

# Coming events

## West Kingdom

### March Crown – 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2002

Details not yet available

## Principality of Lochac

### First Crown Tourney and Victory Feast - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2002

Mordenvale Embassy Grounds, Upper Festival Site, Rowany Festival (Silverdale NSW). Feast commences 6.30pm  
Come to Festival XXXVI to witness the Inaugural Crown Tourney to decide Lochac's first King and Queen. Then come to the Victory Feast to celebrate this most auspicious and momentous of occasions.

<b>Cost: Member Prices</b>	<b>1/12/01-31/12/02</b>	<b>1/2/02-1/3/02</b>
Adults	\$60.00	\$100.00
Age 11-16	\$45.00	\$70.00
Age 6-10	\$35.00	\$50.00
Under 6	FREE	
Family	POA	

NON-MEMBERS ADD \$5.00 TO ABOVE PRICES

**Bookings:** Bookings can be made through the [Rowany Festival Stewards](#). Cheques payable to SCA Mordenvale.

**Website:** <http://www.sca.org.au/mordenvale/crown/>

## Kingdom of Lochac

### First Coronation of the King & Queen of Lochac - 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July 2002

Queanbeyan Bicentennial Centre (Queanbeyan, NSW) and Ray Morton Park.

Come to Politarchopolis for the most significant event in the History of Lochac. Witness the Coronation of Lochac's first King and Queen. Saturday morning will be a fair in Ray Morton park with divers entertainments and food stalls. The final court of the Prince and Princess of Lochac will take place, followed by a rapier tourney. Saturday afternoon and evening will take place at the Hall and will be an event of great pomp and ceremony punctuated by much eating! Bring some of your handiwork for the Arts & Sciences display and competitions. Sunday will be a relaxed day in the park with a tourney to celebrate the occasion.

<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Pre-Festival</b>	<b>Pre 6 June</b>	<b>At Door</b>
Member	\$40	\$50	\$90
Non Member	\$45	\$55	\$100
Child <12	\$20	\$30	\$40
Family	\$100	\$120	\$220

NB. Prices only include dinner on Saturday night. Lunch may be purchased on both Saturday and Sunday

**Bookings:** Viscountess Constance, PO Box 4169 Manuka ACT 2603. Cheques payable to SCA First Crown. Bookings accepted upon payment.

**Steward:** Mistress Kiriell du Papillon, PO Box 4169 Manuka ACT 2603.

**Website:** <http://www.sca.org.au/lochac/>

An accommodation guide will be sent with your receipt. Tours of the local area have been arranged for those who will be staying after the event, so plan to stay for a little longer and enjoy the sights. Remember that this event is being held in midwinter, dress warmly!

## Nearby Events

### Monthly Bash - Borders Crossing

2:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Albury Guide Hall  
Victoria Street Albury NSW 2640

### Pot Luck feast – Borders Crossing

7:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, after the Monthly Bash  
Albury Guide Hall Victoria Street Albury NSW 2640

### Stormhold Monthly Bash

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month from 1pm  
John Gardiner Reserve Auburn Rd Hawthorn

### Stormhold Monthly Potluck Feast.

Every first Thursday of the month From 7:30pm  
Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Michael & McKean Sts,  
Fitzroy North

### Stormhold

#### IKAC – Every 3rd Sunday

**Time:** 2pm - 4pm Location – Monthly Bash Site

**Cost:** Members \$3, non-members \$5

### Picnic (Forester's Reach) – 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Eureka Park, Cnr Eureka St and Stawell St South, Ballarat VIC

**Time:** 11am

Journey westwards for a day of Period-style fun and a Potluck picnic (bring food to feed approximately 6 people – bread and cordial will be provided)

**Cost:** \$3/\$5 (members/non-members)

**Bookings:** Honey of the Forest (Jo Palmer) email: [jo.palmer@ato.gov.au](mailto:jo.palmer@ato.gov.au)

### Summer Revel (Stormhold) – 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Gazebo, King's Domain, Melbourne VIC

Previously known as the Moonlight Revel, however this year's calendar prevents the full moon weekend. Bring a potluck dish and enjoy the evening skies.

**Time:** 6pm

**Cost:** Nil

**Bookings:** Thorfinn (Steven Roylance)

### Border War IV (Border's Crossing) – 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February

Boathaven Caravan Park, Ebdon VIC

**Time:** 4pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 1.30pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

“Come all fighters join the call, Bring your weapons one and all, Much fighting shall be the order of the day, then in the Oasis melt the wounds away.” This year's focus of Border War will be a team competition with points across Heavy, Archery and Fencing. Teams contribute to the Booty Chest. Fighter Auction Tourney, Feast and many Battle scenarios. Collegia also planned and relax in the Oasis of Suffering. Camping event – limited cabins available. Discount if not camping (see below)

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – CANCELLATION FEES APPLY**

**Cost:** Before 12/02/02 \$55/\$60 (members/non-members) From 13/02/02 \$65/\$70. Discount of \$15 if not camping.

**Bookings:** Cairistiona ingen Ranald (Joy Walker), PO Box 374 Albury NSW 2640, (02) 6029 7262 email:

[aliandron@hotmail.com](mailto:aliandron@hotmail.com)

**Directions:** From Melbourne, follow the signs to Tallangatta and take the left fork in the road at Ebdon.

## Shire of Arrowsreach

### Arrow(s)reach Heavy Fighter training

Tuesday night from 7:30pm at the Nolten St Guide Hall Ringwood. Cost \$5 for fighters, and \$2 for spectators.

### Arrow(s)reach Dance practice (Starts February 19<sup>th</sup>)

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm to 8.30pm at the Nolten St Guide Hall Ringwood. Cost – see above. For more details contact Catalina (see Regnum under Arts and Sciences)

# REGNUM

## Kingdom of the West

### King and Queen

Uther and Portia

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### West Seneschal

Megan nic Alister of Thornwood

Margaret Silvestri

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## Principality of Lochac

### Prince and Princess

Gawayne and Yve

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### Lochac Seneschal

Vladimir Ivanovich Kurgan

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