

# Nottingham Quill



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# A Note from Their Excellencies

Greetings to Our Wonderful Barony.

March was an incredibly busy month for us. It was the good kind of busy, though it was a “divide and conquer” month with us attending different events to accommodate modern schedules.

Her Excellency attended Gulf Wars for the first time and it was AMAZING!!! She had So much fun! His Excellency got to attend Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday and see Baron Elphin's elevation to Master of Defense. He was delighted to see our newest MOD's ceremony.

We also have heard that many of you showed up and supported the Dragon's Fair Demo at Eastwind Castle. Thank you for your work in representing our Barony and the SCA. We hope all of you had a fun time.

Other changes in March included Her Excellency's name and personal device passing and the OP updating. She will still happily answer to Ceara, as it's an appropriate nickname for her new name of Kiur'iaikiia Novgorodova, and is much easier to say.

If you'd like to say her new name, here is the pronunciation break down: The first name is 3 syllables: Kiur is a bender phoneme so it's pronounced “Kijir” or “Kiyir”, with the ‘i’ making the same sound as the ‘e’ in “key”. Sort of like squishing the words

“Key” and “Year” together. The apostrophe isn't pronounced and just like in standard English doesn't indicate a pause. It does change the sound the next ‘i’ makes to a ‘y’ sound like in “yard”, thus the “ia” is pronounced “yah”. And the last syllable is kiia, where the double ‘i’ makes the sound of a long ‘e’ like “feet” or “beet”, followed by a soft ‘a’ sound; making it said “kee-uh” like the car brand spelled “KIA”.

So first name of Kiur'iaikiia is said: “keyear” “Yah” “kee-uh” (like the car). Novgorodova is a little more straight forward: “Nov” (like beginning of November) “go” “row” “doe” “vah”

A reminder that the last of our Baronial Champion's competitions will be coming up all to shortly at Dragon's Fire, and we'd like to encourage all our brewers to enter. Please let us know if you'd like the opportunity to compete for Brewing Champion. As of this missive we have no one declared for Baronial Brewer. We accept e-mail, messenger, letter via mail, crayon scrawl on a napkin, runes on a small rock, etc.

As always: have fun, make stuff, do stuff, and we look forward to seeing you at a future event.

We remain In Service,

Likarion & Ceara

*Posadnik & Posadnitsa Nottingham Coill*



## Baronial Progress

April 12: Dragon's Fire.

April 18–20:  
Dreamstone (Kingdom  
of Meridies)

May 3: Spring Crown

May 9–11: Hawkwood  
Baronial Birthday

May 17: Not Quite  
Quarterly Braggin'  
Rights

May 23–26: Gem  
Joust/Investiture

# From the Senechal's Pen



Lord Roderick Mund

Greetings unto Nottingham Coill,

We are mere days away from our Spring Event, Dragon's Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon. We are still looking for some help to provide a dish for the potluck meal at this event. If you are able to contribute some delicacies, or even a good, old-fashioned Southern rib sticker, please contact Lady Hadassah the Lost to let her know what you are bringing: [ASL\\_Auntie@zoho.com](mailto:ASL_Auntie@zoho.com).

The location is 1127 Jameson Rd., Easley, SC, 29640 on Saturday, April 12 from 8am until 9pm.

In May (Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>) Ritterwald will be hosting Not Quite Quarterly Braggin' Rights in Aiken, SC. For more information you can look [here](#).

The Royal Archery Tournament for Atlantia will be held at Eichlenburg Castle from June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no website but information is available on the Facebook page for the Kingdom.

University of Atlantia is on June 14 in-person, hosted by the Barony of Marinus (Virginia Beach, VA), and online for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes and registration are not yet available, please follow the social media sites for more information as it becomes available.

The search continues for a Deputy Seneschal, a Deputy Chronicler, and a Quartermaster. Please consider helping the barony with these important positions.

Submissions for the event coordinator for the baronial picnic (held in August) will close on April 15<sup>th</sup>, we have one submission so far. Submissions continue to be accepted for the event coordinator of your December event, Yule Toy Tourney. Please contact [me](#) or [our Exchequer](#), for the forms.

Have you ever considered submitting an award for someone? [Here](#) is the "getting started" guide to create an account on the submissions website: and after that, you can simply go to [here](#) to log in and the website walks you through how to do just this very thing.

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to keep the SCA dream alive. And I thank all those who tolerate my many questions and help guide me in my position.

# Vivant, Hooray and Congratulations

Master Elphin ap Dafyd for the Friend of the Mountain, awarded for those who have advanced the interest of Hidden Mountain (our neighbor) and do not reside in the barony.

And also, to Master Elphin ap Dafyd, the Master of Defense, the Kingdom's peerage recognition for martial prowess of the rapier and/or the cut-and-thrust field.

Viscountess Marion Leoncina da Susa received the Companion of the Golden Dolphin for exceptional service and leadership to the Kingdom.

Sir Hróðgeirr Hrafnsson received the Companion of the Sea Stag for distinguished teaching of martial skills.

## Russian Word of the Month

Word of the Month: Bell

колокол (kolokol)

Refers to a large bell such as a church bell.

бубенчик (buben'chik)

Small bell or jingle, like one found on a harness or a sleigh. Also this one is fun to say!

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# Ballad of the Guardian Awakes

By: Cecilia Quincy (Mundane: Angel Thompson)  
For: Dragon Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon

O high on the mountain, so fierce and so grand,  
A mother stands watch o'er her nest in the sand.  
Her talons like iron, her wings spread so wide,  
To shelter the young she holds deep inside.

The bold ones approach her with sword and with spear,  
Blinded by stories, they strike out in fear.  
But she is no demon, nor bringer of woe,  
She guards what she loves from the dangers below.

Oh, tremble, ye earth, for the time it is near,  
The eggs start to quiver, the cracking draws near!  
One by one, they awaken with embers so bright,  
Born of the fire, they step into light.

Their breath is but smoke, yet their hearts burn with flame,  
They gather beneath her, still learning her name.  
Her shield-like scales, a fortress so true,  
She guides them with wisdom, both ancient and new.

But lo! From the last shell, a wonder untold,  
A dragon emerges, all gilded in gold.  
With sapphire eyes shining, so gentle, yet strong,  
Could this be the protector of legends and song?

Oh, tremble, ye earth, for the time it is near,  
The eggs start to quiver, the cracking draws near!  
One by one, they awaken with embers so bright,  
Born of the fire, they step into light.

The kingdom shall whisper, the elders shall say,  
A guardian rises to keep dark at bay.  
Time holds the answer, yet hope starts to gleam,  
The golden one wakes—fulfilling the dream.

Oh, tremble no more, let the people all see,  
The dragon of legend is born wild and free!  
One by one, they shall soar through the sky,  
Guided by honor, they'll never let die!

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# Baronial Champions

## Art

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## Sciences

Lady Giulia Stanizi

## Bardic

Lady Thorve Skald Rikardsdottir

## Archery

Lord Cáelán Cócaire

## Youth Archery

m'Lord Artur Maddsen

## Thrown Weapons

Lord Snorri 'Big Crunch' Halfdan

## Cut & Thrust

Lord Mads Arthurson

## Armored

Lord Gunnulf Bjornsen

## Rapier

Lady MeiLan Hua

## Brewing

Lady Mor Gwen holds the title till a new champion is chosen at Dragon's Fire

# Kingdom Events

Complete Atlantian Calendar can be found  
[here!](#)

## February – 2025

02-08 – 02-08 : Bright Hills Baronial Birthday :Manchester MD (Bright Hills)  
02-15 – 02-16 : Ædult Swim 2025 : (Æthelmearc) (P )  
02-15 – 02-15 : Celebration – Babur :Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Pr )  
02-21 – 02-23 : Ymir 50 :Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P )

## March – 2025

03-01 – 03-01 : Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival :Raleigh NC (Elvegast) (Q K )  
03-08 – 03-16 : Gulf Wars XXXIII (TBD) : (Gleann Abhann) (Q K )  
03-09 – 03-09 : CURIA 2025 : (Atlantia)  
03-15 – 03-15 : St. Urho's Tournament :Statesville NC (Salesberie Glen)  
03-22 – 03-22 : Storvik's Performer's Revel :Cheverly (Hyattsville) MD (Storvik)  
03-22 – 03-22 : Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday Bloodbath :Vienna VA (Ponte Alto)  
03-28 – 03-30 : Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday :Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q )  
03-29 – 03-29 : Defending the Gate :Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre) (K )

## April – 2025

04-05 – 04-05 : Spring Coronation (TBD) : (Atlantia) (Q K )  
04-12 – 04-12 : Dragons Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon :Easley SC (Saint Georges)  
04-12 – 04-12 : Festival of Elvegast :Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)  
04-12 – 04-12 : Night at the Faire :Severn MD (Lochmere)  
04-18 – 04-20 : Canterbury Tales: Missile Madness Reloaded :Monroe VA (Seven Hills)  
04-24 – 04-27 : LEAFS (Learning Equestrian, Agriculture, and Forestry Symposium) :Upper Marlboro  
MD (Highland Foorde)  
04-25 – 04-27 : Revenge of the Stitch X :Denton MD  
04-25 – 04-27 : Baronial Spring Camp :Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill)

## May - 2025

05-03 - 05-03 : Spring Crown Tournament (TBD) : (Atlantia)  
05-09 - 05-11 : Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday :Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don)  
05-09 - 05-11 : Hawkwood's XXI Baronial Birthday: One Night In Marrakesh :Old Fort NC (Hawkwood)  
05-17 - 05-18 : Victory on the Vine II :Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)  
05-17 - 05-17 : Not Quite Quarterly Braggin Rights Tournament V :AIKEN SC (Ritterwald) (Q K Pr P )  
05-17 - 05-17 : Skewered! V: Tenoch's Table :Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)  
05-31 - 05-31 : On Target! :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

## June - 2025

06-06 - 06-08 : Rumors of War- Part Deux :Bryson City NC (Stormwall)  
06-06 - 06-08 : Royal Archery Tournament :Booneville NC (Sacred Stone)  
06-14 - 06-14 : Summer University (TBD) : (Atlantia)  
06-20 - 06-22 : Storvik Novice Tournament :Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik)

## July - 2025

07-12 - 07-12 : Procrastinators Paradise- Last Chance Authorization and Sewing Day :Waldorf MD  
(Dun Carraig)  
07-19 - 07-19 : Warrior's Games :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)  
07-25 - 08-10 : Pennsic War : (Atlantia)



# The Backpage



Greetings and good tidings to all,

Can you believe it is April already? This year seems to fly by and soon the year will change for the Society. I was working on a class I am hoping to do for next university, and couldn't help but think about 'how I got here'. Not 'here' as in this wonderful barony, but here in the SCA. What brought me here? What made me decide to join a society for creative anachronism?

For me, like for many, the actual step to 'go see what it is about' came after a nudge from a friend. But I had met that friend online, years earlier, while living on a different continent, through a shared interest in medieval and fantasy. The SCA encompasses all history pre 1600 right now, and each generation that joins probably has their own 'first contact' moment. Was it a movie? How many of us were entranced by *Ivanhoe*, or *Robin Hood* movies, or the tv series like *crossbow*? Did you read Tolkien growing up? Or did you first come into contact with the genre through the movies? Video games have been the way a lot of people come into contact with great stories and adventures, whether loosely based on history or fully in the fantasy realm. The tv series *Vikings* recently added a lot of interest, and I am wondering if the newly released *William Tell* movie will be 'the moment that sparked it all'.

If you read this newsletter, take a moment to comment, or perhaps even better... write me an article about 'the thing that started it all'. For many of us, it's a combination.. I read this, I played that game, I saw that movie.

What was yours?