

# The Crossroads:

a temporary newsletter for the Shires of Wurmwald and  
St Carol on the Moor



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# From the Seneschal:

A Word from the Seneschal: Awesome.

It never ceases to be amazed at the range of our combined groups. Kendra's candlesticks, Oswyn's glassware, the group made tabards of the largesse gift; Oswyn's participation in RUM organization, Ro and Sofya's participation in Midrealm administering, Genevieve's superb leatherwork, Sofya's intricate beadwork, Lynette's depth and breadth of knowledge of all things dye and Japanese, Ursus' efforts in garnering rapier fighters, and so much more that so many of you do ... y'all are really awesome.

I am grateful to be working with such talented people, who give of themselves, their time, and labor so freely for the good of all. You are making our transition to a larger Barony with all the work and time it involves work smoothly and I am proud and humbled to be your Seneschal.

Keep up all your good work.

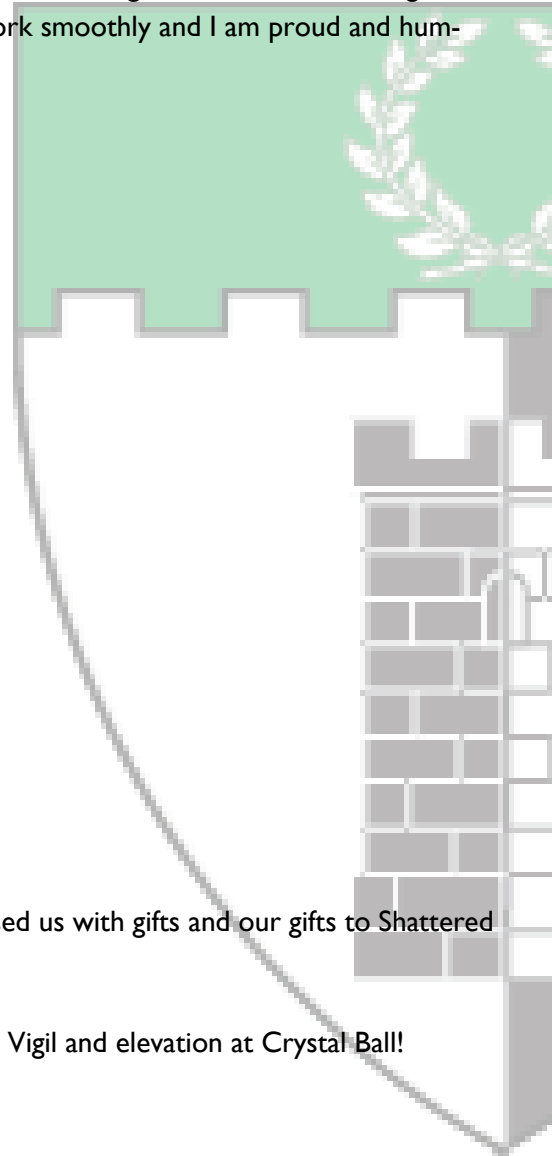
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## News!

Baroness Wars was incredible. Carraig Ban blessed us with gifts and our gifts to Shattered Crystal were well received.

Sofya is put on vigil for the Order of the Pelican! Vigil and elevation at Crystal Ball!



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# Thoughts on An Tir by Mistress Roana Aldinoch

—only recently left from our lands.

To my friends and loved ones in the Incipient Barony of Caer Gwynt do I, Mistress Roana Aldinoch, send greetings, felicitations, and love.

It has been several months now since I took the passage through the mountains to the further western shores of our lands. The travel strained my daughter and me greatly, but the joy at seeing my sons after so many months made the journey well worth it.

I am blessed to have reunited with my friend Lady Susanna Herst, late of the Barony of Carraig Ban, and together she and I have made an effort to learn the ways of our new Kingdom, known as An Tir. In that vein, we have traveled twice to the far north; once to see our new King and Queen crowned, and then again so that Susanna could compete to place the An Tirian crown on my brow. She fought well and hard, but the joy of crowning a consort fell on Count Savaric des Portes de Lion (pronounced SAV-a-ric) as he graced his Countess Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir that day with a coronet of silver.

An odd thing in this new kingdom of ours. The good Duke who fell short of crowning his own beloved by a single bout was honored with a Silver Rose by way of recognizing his prowess in the Crown Tournament. I found this practice to be quite lovely, as it showed respect to he who was nearly crowned our Heir.

There are many oddities, I have found, between my Dragon home and my new one. First, while I have heard much gnashing of teeth recently of the length and count of courts in the Midrealm, they still pale in comparison to those held in An Tir. At Coronation, the first celebration that we attended, there were no fewer than three courts to attend, interspersed with tournaments, artistic endeavors, and a great party in the evening. I found it all very interesting and incredibly stately.

With so many large cities in this new land, it can be rather difficult to find space to hold the grand tournaments that we are used to. Most of the tournaments that I've heard of are held some distance off, in fields and forests, where attendees set up their pavilions for the weekend, rather than a single day as I am used to. There are very few events where this does not take place during the summer months, which is refreshing to me. Tournaments held on a field surrounded by trees offer a better view than those held within walls. In addition, this offers the equestrians far more opportunities to show their skill and prowess. And what a sight they are, in their pageantry and colors, trotting down the fields divided by pennants of various colors, shapes, and sizes. What a magnificent sight!

As the winter winds blow in, bringing with them rain and icy skies, I'm told that we will be in the Feast Season, leaving the Tournament Season behind us. During the short days and long nights, people will gather for grand feasts that last for hours. The populace gathers together to laugh, game, enjoy good food, and be entertained by courts that go throughout the day and most of the evenings. I look forward to celebrating my birthday with my family at one of these feasts, as I've convinced my sons to join me at one such celebration.

In all, I have found the people of An Tir to be kind and generous with their advice. They are different in many ways, but they still carry the Society in their hearts, just as the children of the Dragon do. In this, we are very much alike.

You are all missed, and I hope to see many of you at the celebration of our beloved Sofya as she is elevated into the Peerage in the Barony of Shattered Crystal.

Until then, I bid you all adieu.

# Upcoming Events

## October

|       |                                |                       |                 |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 6-8   | Rose Tourney                   | Shire of Swordcliff   | Taylorville, IL |
| 21    | Fall Crown Tourney             | Barony of Carraig Ban | DeKalb, IL      |
| 27-29 | Day of Discovery Gives you RUM | Shire of Cuil Cholium | Columbus, IN    |

## November

|       |                    |                             |                    |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 4     | All Souls          | Canton of Vanished Wood     | Roselle, IL        |
| 10-12 | Crystal Ball       | Barony of Shattered Crystal | Mulberry Grove, IL |
| 18    | Bardic Madness XIX | Barony of Rivenstar         | Lafayette, IN      |

## December

|    |                  |                        |                |
|----|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 16 | Tourney for Tots | Barony of White Waters | South Bend, IN |
|----|------------------|------------------------|----------------|

## January

|    |                     |   |               |
|----|---------------------|---|---------------|
| 13 | Twelfth Night       | Canton of Tree-Girt Sea                 | Chicago, IL   |
| 20 | Festival of Maidens | Proto Incipient Barony of<br>Caer Gwynt | Champaign, IL |



## Regular Local Events and Meetings

|                  |         |              |   |
|------------------|---------|--------------|---|
| Rapier Practice  | 1pm     | Every Sunday | South Quad / Stock Pavilion at UIUC       |
|                  |         |              | Arts and Crafts Welcome as well           |
| Open A&S night   | 7-9 pm  |              | 4th Floor Illini Union                    |
| Michaelmass Moot | 12 to 3 | October 1    | 500 Broadway Ave, Mattoon, Illinois 61938 |

## What we are up to?

