

Crossing Grapevine

Spring/Summer ASLV

Seasonal unofficial newsletter of the Shire of Bordescros within the Kingdom of Lochac in the Society for Creative Anachronism (Australia) Inc.

From your Seneschal

As I step into the role of Seneschal, I would like to profusely thank Lady Kolgrimma for her hard work and diligence as Seneschal over the past more than two years. The last year has been particularly interesting and I can't imagine starting now without the work that Kolgrimma has done.

I love Bordescros. Without Bordescros, I would not have met my love and we would not have a beautiful little boy. I love the people and the place itself ... this is a great place to live and I was thrilled to return, after some time in Politarchopolis, at the start of last year. I will do my utmost to help this group in whatever way I can over the next two years. I can always be reached via email at seneschal@bordescros.lochac.sca.org if you have any thoughts, comments, suggestions or criticisms.

As we continue to deal with COVID-19 we are aiming to return to in-person events as soon as we can safely do so for everyone in our area. This could mean late notice of changes (like the December meeting) because of mundane regulations. To make sure you're up to date, please subscribe to Borderlist (<https://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/borderlist>), visit our webpage (<https://bordescros.lochac.sca.org/>), join our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bordescros>) or like the all new Bordescros Seneschal page (<https://www.facebook.com/BordescrosSeneschal>). I will be using all channels to keep in touch.

Please enjoy the Festive season in whatever way you do, but in a socially-responsible way. We want to be able to meet and greet in person sooner, not later. To that end, keep an eye out for information about Border War / Autumn Crown ... COVID has made changes necessary there as well.

In service to the Shire, always.

Sorle, Seneschal

From the Office of The Australian Registrar

Australian Membership cards now look a little different.

The last line on your card showed Membership/Indemnity exp. date. This is now on the bottom right of your card and is one date the covers both membership and indemnity.

The bottom left of your card will show the words StatDec, if you have signed and sent into the registry a Stat Dec for Weapons Exemption in Victoria.

Regards,

Michelle Cooper

Australian Registrar



I have been so proud to have been in service to the Shire during my term of office.

Our members have excelled in their pursuits martial, arts & sciences, and service; we have also seen our newer members take on deputy and officer roles. This service strengthens and broadens the supports of the Shire.

With that, I am well pleased to have completed the handover of the Seneschal role to Baron Sorle Maknicoll. He has offered me to stay on as Deputy Seneschal for a time, which I have gladly accepted.

I look forward to seeing how our Shire continues to grow and change anew in these upcoming years, and it is with deepest thanks that I remember my term of service.

Yours in Service,

Kolgríma Hrafnisdóttir

Deputy Seneschal

While we are all having to avoid getting together face-to-face, there are many ways that we can all stay in touch, and hopefully inspired.

It is more important than ever to join and/or check in regularly with our Facebook page *Bordescros SCA* and the *Borderlist* emailing list (go to <https://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/borderlist>)

There are many exciting things planned to keep us all going during this time, such as a virtual Rowany Festival, and there will be more on this in coming days. It is planned this will take place over Easter.

There are many pages that are already in existence, and you will find links to these on our Facebook page.

There is also the Lochac Discord, on which there is now a Bordescros area that has been set up, as another way to keep in touch not only with Bordescros but also across Lochac.

At present we are able to hold Kingdom Crown Tournaments and Coronations by gathering in person, and but these decisions up to our Kingdom leaders and in accordance with mundane law.

JOIN US

If you are thinking of becoming a member, please consider financial membership. At \$45 per adult per year or \$90 for a family, you will quickly save that amount by attending 4 events a year, or even less if you have a family. There is no membership fee for children under 18. The non-member day membership rate to attend any activity is \$10 per adult, and \$5.00 per minor. It also means that you can consider taking on an officer role to help run the Shire, but this is not an 'incentive' for everyone. Go to <https://registry.sca.org.au/>



From The Pen

Greetings once more to members and friends of the Shire of Bordescros, wherever you may reside.

We are still living in uncertain times, especially here on the border in Bordescros.

A revised plan to have Autumn Crown held in the Shire, in a way that meets Covid-19 requirements, has been approved.

Sadly we were not able to hold Border War in 2020, despite having been postponed to August in the hope that we could. Plans are now afoot to hold Border War later in 2021, in the hope that Covid has abated, and it can be held again at Snowy River Camp.

I hope you are enjoying this holiday season. I am hopeful that I will be able to see you at a local activity soon.

Yours in Service

Mistress Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill

Bordescros Chronicler

BORDESCROS TO HOST AUTUMN CROWN 2021

The steward will be Mistress Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill, ably assisted by Baron Sorle Maknicoll and a really great crew of officers who are also involved with the event.

Due to Covid we have had to make some changes.

It will now be held at Wodonga Racecourse on **13-14 March 2021** without onsite accommodation as there are plenty of options available for wayfarers. This is the same venue that we had for November Crown Tournament in 2018.

The site opens at 9 am and the lead up to Crown Tournament will be held from 11.30 am. This is a great opportunity to see some of best fighters in the Kingdom fight to lead it, along with their consorts. There will be a great Feast held in the evening.

There are lots of opportunities to help with this event, both in the time leading up to it and over that weekend. Getting involved is a great way to learn about the way SCA events are run.

The theme is Arthurian Camelot, so break out all the banners and flags, wear your best garb, and meet people from all over the Kingdom. **Bookings must be made and paid for in advance thanks to Covid.**



The Shire of Bordescros invites the populace of the Kingdom of Lochac to attend and witness

Autumn Crown Tournament

13-14 March 2021

Wodonga Racecourse, Wodonga, Victoria 3690

Join us for a later period interpretation of the Court of Camelot.

Lots of Pageantry and Combat

Good food

Crown Tournament Invocation to start at 11.30 am Saturday

There will be Heavy Combat (Tournament of the Rose), Rapier and Archery

Plenty of offsite accommodation is available nearby.



Full details and booking form available at autumncrown.lochac.sca.org

Bookings enquiries to bookings@autumncrown.lochac.sca.org

For further information contact the Steward

Mistress Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill via steward@autumncrown.lochac.sca.org

**Come and bear witness to the Tournament for the next Crown of
Lochac.**

Shire Marshal

The baton of Marshal has now been transferred from Mistress Thomasina to Lord Robert Campbell.

In these trying times I realise we are missing all forms of combat. But I implore you to use your time wisely and try not to dwell on the negative; we will be able to get back on the fields!

Take this time to;

- ◇ repair your armour and weaponry,
- ◇ practice any basic drills to keep up strength and skills
- ◇ use the internet/ YouTube to learn new skills/techniques
- ◇ Maybe make your gear more in line with your persona or make it more heraldic?
- ◇ Join online chat sessions
- ◇ Read the kingdom martial handbooks

Information can be found on the kingdom website; <https://lochac.sca.org/>

Service to the Kingdom

Bordescros has a strong and proud history, for a shire we punch above our weight.

One of the ways we do this is with kingdom level officers and board members. Over the years our members have been on the Australian Board of Directors, Kingdom Seneschal, Deputy Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Chirurgeon, Kingdom Historian, Crux Australis Principal Herald, Canon Herald, Rocket Herald, Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer and in January Chancellor of the Exchequer.

A former Bordescros Seneschal also went on to be Earl Marshal after he moved away.

For many of you this may sound quite daunting and at first it is, but speaking as a current kingdom level officer, you soon settle in and it is like any other role. Doing any officer role is rewarding and this is especially true for kingdom roles. You get to interact and know people from all over our fair kingdom. You make good friends in the process. You get a say in the policy and direction of Lochac.

By The Honorable Lady Gabrielle Hamilton

Service to Bordescros

The best way to start is to take on a local deputy or officer role, and there are always opportunities to do this. If you are interested in a particular area, speak to the current officer or a past holder of the position. Baron Sorle as Seneschal can lead you through the process.

The Shire is currently looking for the following:

- ◇ Herald Chatelaine/Hospitaller
- ◇ Webminister
- ◇ Lists

Call for Letters of Intent



To Our Wonderful and Widely flung populous,

It has been but a short time since We accepting the Crowns and took up Our Royal mantles, however as time moves swiftly in this short reign Our thoughts now turn to that of finding Our Heirs.

For this purpose We will be gathering in the Shire of Bordescros on the 13th of March to witness the heavy tournament that put willing candidates through their paces and reveal Our Heirs through their field-chivalry, courtesy and skill of arms.

We call upon all who would wish to test their metal and compete for the right to be Our Heirs to send their letters on intent to royal@lochac.sca.org

We ask all combatants to consider well that their presence on the field inspires others and do command them to each present themselves on the day in a manner worthy of potential heirs of the Crown of Lochac - each providing Us and Our populace, some degree of heraldic display through their garb, arms and banners.

Rowland and Tailtiu

King and Queen

New Year Coronation

is to be held in the Barony of Stormhold on Saturday 1st May 2021 at Darling Gardens, Clifton Hill (Melbourne) Victoria.



LOCHAC REGNUM (Who's Who in the Kingdom of Lochac)

Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)

Web: lochac.sca.org

King and Queen: King Rowland Bridgeforth II and Queen Engelin Teufel II

Chamberlain: Baroness Leta von Gosler lochacchamberlain3@7gmail.com.

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Email: seneschal@lochac.sca.org.

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Constable: Lady Mairi of Kilravok Web: <https://constable.lochac.sca.org/>

Chronicler : Lady Lief of Dismal Fogs pegasus@lochac.sca.org W: lochac.sca.org/lochac/info/chronicler

Keeper of the Lists: [Lady Anna von der Ron](#) Web: <https://lists.lochac.sca.org/>

Chirurgion: Lord Wei Min Cheng Web: <https://chirurgion.lochac.sca.org/>

Historian: Baron Karl Faustus van Aachen historian@lochac.sca.org W: history.lochac.sca.org

Deputy Marshal Authorisations-AU: Lady Anna von der Ron

Lists-Record Keeper and Authorisations-AU: Gabriella Borromei W:lochac.sca.org/lists

These are just some of the volunteers who make it possible for us all to play this great game.

Webwright: [Nobilis Gumuinus de Eggafriidacapella](#)

Arts & Sciences

Worshipful Company of Broderers of Lochac Competitions

The Company aims to advance the study and practice of pre-1600AD European and related needlework in the Kingdom of Lochac.

Upcoming competitions are:

Autumn Crown—Pouches and purses

Midwinter—Woolwork (any version)

Spring Crown—Birds and bees (any techniques)

Summer—Canvaswork.

These competitions are open to all who do embroidery in Lochac.

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competitions

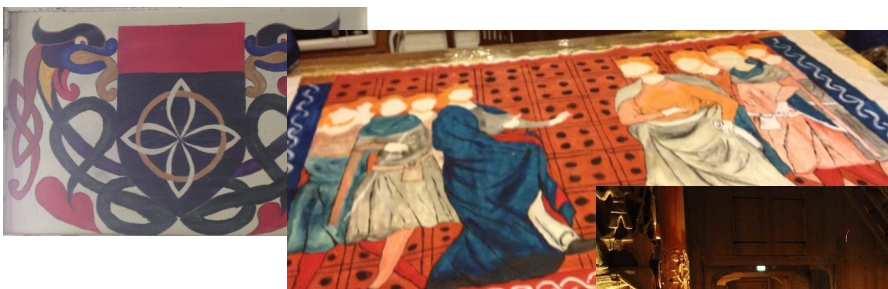
Autumn Crown (Bordescros) —

1. For the feet
2. Parchment and paper
3. 14th century

It would be great to see lots of entries from Bordescros. THL Gabrielle Hamilton won one of the competitions when we held November Crown in 2018.

Midwinter (Stormhold) -

1. Written words (poetry, story, saga etc)
2. Leather
3. Crusades



What is Border War?



The Shire of Bordescros' major annual event held in the Shire every Summer, and it has the lot:

- Heavy armoured combat in both War and Tournament formats,
- Rapier classes and Tournament,
- Target Archery and Combat Archery.
- Arts & Sciences classes and competitions.
- Food, feasting and market stalls
- Dormitory accommodation or camping options
- Opportunity to make more medieval friends



YOUR NEWS

Do you have an article you would like to contribute? There is a lot that is being done and achieved by our members and it would be really nice to see articles, photos, drawings etc or even links to useful websites come in to chronicler@bordescros.lochac.org.au.

I am aiming to produce the newsletter at least quarterly. Submissions for the Spring edition will be due at the end of September

Shire of Bordescros Regnum

Seneschal: Kohlgrima Hraffnsdottir (Kim Palmer)

Deputy Seneschal: Sorle Maknicoll (Jeff Nicholson)

Reeve: Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill (Joy Walker)

Herald: Vacant

Marshal: Robert Campbell (Scott Murrowood)

A&S: Thomasina Coke (Tamsin Walle-Semmler)

Lists: Vacant

Constable: Lowry ferch Gwynwynwyn ap Llewelyn

Chirurgeon: Isolde Dey (Anastasia Walker)

Chronicler: Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill

Web: Vacant/Seneschal

Hospitaller: Vacant

Contact details for these officers are available on the Bordescros website at <http://bordescros.lochac.sca.org/officers/>

Becoming an officer is a great way to learn more about the SCA

Plans are afoot!

BORDER WAR 2021

A decision will be made about Border War 2021 at an Extraordinary meeting on Discord at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday 21 February.

Be part of the decision making (and workers) to help make our annual War event a success.

There are 2 bids to choose from, both submitted by THL Lowry.

Border War



Do you have a musical bent?

Are you interested in participating in a small musical group within the Shire?

It would be great if we could have some real music for Gatherings and events.

The Grapevine is the quarterly newsletter provided to the members and friends of the Shire of Bordescros within the Kingdom of Lochac, and the Society for Creative Anachronism. It is not an official publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Chronicler (Mistress Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill/Joy Walker) can be contacted at chronicler@bordescros.lochac.sca.org

Bordescros A&S Competition Schedule

It is hoped that this long term schedule will inspire you to give something new a go, or learn more about what you may already be interested in.

2021

September	A Container	Clay	Pre 1000 C.E.	Open
October	Flowers	Dancing & Games	Asia	N/A
November	Honey	Wooden	French	Open
December	Toys	Sweets & Chocolate	Greek	Open

THL Gabrielle Hamilton has produced the following youtube videos.

Heraldry Basics: Armoury

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MbW0yusckk&t=223s>

Kumihimo Japanese Braiding

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI6PMq-zfkc&t=108s>

If anyone else has put up videos, please send through the details to chronicler@bordescros.lochac.sca.org for the next newsletter.

What's happening in Bordescros and Lochac?

Changes in Covid-19 have meant that there are now able to be some face-face activities in Bordescros SCA until if mundane law allows it.

Things are slowly getting back to normal, so please make sure that you have joined up to our Facebook pages

Bordescros Seneschal—official announcements

Bordescros SCA—general news and activities

Our mailing list is another good source of information, as is our website www.bordescros.lochac.sca.org

For general news about what is going on in the Kingdom: **Lochac**

For other information on Bordescros email seneschal@bordescros.lochac.sca.org

Bordescros in Albury

2nd Sunday each month—Arts & Sciences/Fighter Training

3rd Saturday each month—Bordescros Albury Gathering

Venue: Albury Wodonga Sportfishing Club, Lockheed Drive, Albury (near the Airport)