



Andercurrents

Barony of Highland Foorde, Kingdom Atlantia - COVID-19 Special - AS 55, 2020

SIEGE FEVER

**How to stay sane, stay safe, and participate
during the SCA's reopening period**



Bonjorn Highland Foorde!

As the Kingdom and the SCA as a whole slowly begin dipping their toes into the beginning of reopening activities, there is a lot of information coming out that might get missed. To avoid any kind of confusion and to make sure everyone is on the same page, I decided to publish this special edition to highlight how we can move forward in our participation!

Most of the information I'm sharing here is available via the Kingdom Seneschal's office. If you have detailed questions, feel free to look over that site and if they still aren't answered, please reach out to your Baronial Seneschal, Lord Vilhjelmur Larensen via email - seneschal@highlandfoorde.atlantia.sca.org

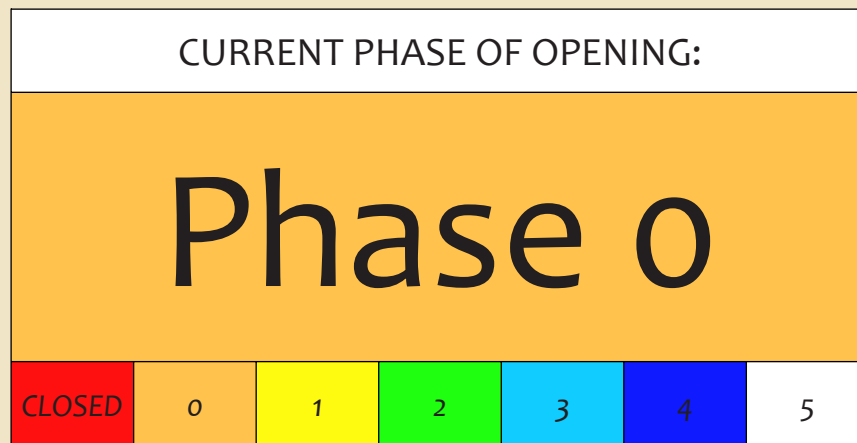
Yours in service,

Aurri La Borgne
Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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Where Are We?



For the last 6 months, many of us have spent our days in quarantine, having only the internet to maintain social connections, or limiting how often we go outside to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Many of us are developing Siege Fever and want to do everything we can to see friends once again. But how can we do this in a safe manner?

The SCA and their many Seneschals have had numerous discussions on how to best move forward. One of the results is the Phase Chart. Instead of closing entire Kingdoms because of one area, the Phase Chart allows individual Shires and Baronies to operate in a way that is deemed safe, based on a branch's infection rate and available hospital beds.

A full list of all phases can be found by following this link: [Reopening Atlantia](#)

A full chart of Atlantia and current phases can be found by following this link: [Phase Chart](#)

But the important question for us is: Where Are We? Currently, we are at **Phase 0** like a majority of Atlantia. Phase 0 requirements are as follows:

- Virtual activities are heavily encouraged
- Only the following outdoor activities are permitted: target archery, thrown weapons, equestrian, and A&S
- Masks are required for all in-person attendance, **INCLUDING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

- Members are responsible for bringing their own masks and wearing them in the appropriate manner, covering both mouth and nose
- Attendance is limited to those 18+ (no children/minors)
- The Atlantian Health Screening Questionnaire must be answered prior to participation
- Individuals must provide both modern legal name and contact information on the sign in sheet to act as contact tracing should it be requested by local government and health officials
- No physical contact of any kind. Social distancing must be maintained!
- **YOU MAY NOT TRAVEL BETWEEN GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES.** This means if you attend an activity with Highland Foorde, even if you live in Lochmere, you may NOT attend an activity in Lochmere or any other group.

In future issues of Undercurrents, I will have Highland Foorde’s current phase posted underneath the “Note from Your Chronicler” as shown below.

Bonjour Highland Foorde!

The new website is underway! If there is something in particular you'd like to see hosted on the site, let your webmaster know.

We are also slowly approaching the holiday months and that means holiday newsletters! If you have recipes you'd like to submit, send them in so we can have a holiday collection of recipes.

Years in service,
Aunt La Borgia
Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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CURRENT PHASE OF OPENING:

Phase 0

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Atlantian Activities



During this time, Atlantians were asked what they have been up to during this time of seclusion and what they've enjoyed thus far. Here are a few responses:



“Knit night on Monday nights for all the fiber geeking, bardics on Friday, upping my home cooked meals game.”

“Being able to teach, and to take classes, across the Known World has been nice! I've loved online Universities!”

“I have most enjoyed commiserating with my SCA family about how much we miss each other”

“The great outpouring of information in classes and demonstrations and written materials has been added to the shared knowledge base like never before seen.”



Speaking of classes and activities, here are a few coming up for the end of this month I think some of you might enjoy:

Saturday Oct 24, & 31 8-10pm

Sunday Oct 25 10am-12pm

Nalbinding Get Together

This is a weekly get together of nalbinders around the world. We share tips and tricks, provide encouragement, check in on each other's project progress, say hi to the pets, explore historical aspects of the craft, and otherwise socialize with other nalbinders. All are welcome from the those just interested in the craft to those with experience. While this is not an SCA specific activity, many attendees are in the SCA. Gathering is scheduled for two hours, but occasionally runs over.



[Zoom link to join!](#)

Sunday Oct 25 7-10pm - Tabletweavers Tea

All are welcome, both in and out of the SCA!

[Zoom link to join!](#)

Monday Oct 26 9-10pm - SCA Performer Social Mondays

Come join your fellow bards (and other interested Scadians) for some social connection and chat while we weather our extended period of isolation. (The more the merrier - Meets have a capacity of up to 250.) Spontaneous performances might happen on occasion, but this is not a bardic circle. It is a chance to connect with people we aren't getting to see at events.

[Google Meet link to join!](#)

Monday Oct 26 7-8pm - Dancing with Yourself

Patches will be hosting a dance practice over Zoom. She'll be teaching dances that can be done with just one person. We have been doing Bransles (Scottish, Charlotte, and Pinegay) and have added some 15th century Italian. This class will be the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Live music provided by Maugorn and Rose. All levels welcome

[Zoom link to join!](#)

Tuesday Oct 27 6-7pm - Atlantia Poetry Salon

This is a weekly poetry salon where poets of Atlantia (and other guests!) can discuss poetry and share works they love as well as their own work! Lets talk about what you are reading, thinking, and working on. :)

[Google Meet link to join!](#)



Tuesday Oct 27 7-8pm

Samhain and Soulcakes

Halloween is a holiday with ancient roots. In this class, we'll explore what Halloween was like in period, and a few ways to bring that ancient spookiness back to life.

[Zoom link to join!](#)

Wednesday Oct 28 7-9pm - Hats of the Ancient World

This week at Roxbury Mill's A&S night, Ollam Lanea will be teaching us about early period hats from Rome, the Steppes, Scandinavia, Insular Celts, and everywhere in between.

[Google Meet link to join!](#)

All of that is happening just in the next week, with much **much** more going on! If I were to copy over the entire Virtual Atlantia calendar, it would take up over 20 pages of our newsletter.

If you ever want to see all that's going on and more in Virtual Atlantia, you can check out the calendar at virtual.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php or you can click the link below! This link is in every newsletter posted!

For a full list, be sure to check out the
[Virtual Atlantia Activity Calendar](#)

Highland Havoc

Highland Havoc is still live and kicking! Many have started their submissions and with only a little time to spare, it's best to get yours started!

Here are all of the challenges and courses being offered:



A Toast to the Kingdom

Using your voice, props, and “mount” of choice, submit a 2 minute video where you give a toast to the kingdom

Archers & Horses of Myths & Legends

Create an object in honor of an archer and or/ horse of history, legend, or myth

Medieval Halloween Costume Contest

Dress up your horse in a costume made of only period materials

Equestrian Kit Improvement

Submit a photo showing what you have done to improve your kits

Challenge of the Fairy Dance

Blind Gambler's Choice - 3 mins to complete as many obstacles as possible

Social Distancing Poker Practice

Joust with a 4"x4" target in full barding and garb

Souptacular Challenge

You have been promoted to head cook for our feast and have been asked to provide a soup dish! Post a picture of your dish and the recipe to be judged by participants online

Build-a-Mount

Submit a photo of your best “stick horse” made from any material!

Paper and Streamers and Barding, oh my!

Create the best barding you can using only toilet paper and streamers in 5 mins

Headless Horseman Pumpkin Chunkin

Carve a pumpkin and lob it at a target, Sleepy Hollow style

Running Through the Reeds

Maintain your gait and jump your reeds

Lady Mor's Bit-o-Everything Challenge

Challenge yourself and your mount with an accumulative points challenge with multiple obstacles

Targeted Projectiles Practice

Cry HAVOC and let slip the Vikings of war by shooting arrows outside!

Throw Away Challenge

Cry HAVOC and let slip the Vikings of war by throwing things inside!

Outdoor Defense Division

Cry HAVOC and let slip the Vikings of war by throwing things outside!

Ride Before a Prince

Show your steed's prowess and honor before royalty. Your 5 mins begin when you greet the prince and at least 3 moves must be completed

Classes

Samhain and Soul Cakes: The Pre-Modern Halloween

A holiday with ancient roots, we will explore what Halloween was like in period and a few ways to bring this ancient spookiness back to life

Living with the Dead: An Intro to Death in the Andes

Lust is Death: Sex & Gender in Pre-Conquest Aztec Culture

This class explores the variety of sexual and gender experiences present in pre-conquest Aztec Mexico as well as the laws in place to punish and prevent deviant behavior

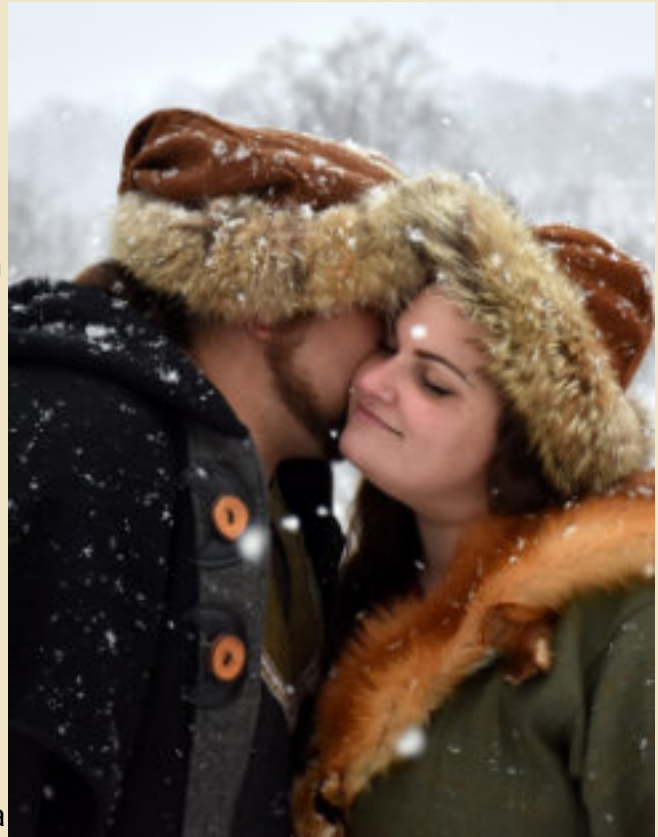
Trivial Havoc

Join some of the Cast and Crew of Virtual Highland Havoc and play trivia with us!

Words from Their Excellencies

Greetings to our Populace,

So many of you have reached out to his Excellency and I during this time, and we certainly hear your words. It is hard to take such a social life as we have in the SCA and bring it to the ethereal realm. We certainly see all of you have worked so hard to keep those interests going, via virtual events, classes, and get togethers. We have been taking classes all over the Knowne World and that part is so amazing to us. To be part of such an engaging community is a blessing we didn't know we had until the world fell apart. The adaptability of the SCA is something we don't always get to see, but we have been impressed at the flip so we can still be involved with our beloved hobby. The behind the scenes crew, such as our webministers have been so incredibly vital, and I personally find all of that witchcraft and am so impressed by all the virtual vigils and bardics and happy hours we have been able to attend. Virtual court is also such a wonderful thing to see! Despite our isolation, we are still seeing deserving people recognized, and it warms our hearts.



We are always here for you, please reach out if you need us.

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Ludwig and Sinn

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