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The challenges for Highland River Meles have been announced with classes soon to follow!

[Click here to see more](#)



Bonjorn Highland Foorde!

You may be tired of hearing about it already, but Highland River Melees is here! It's on the website, it's on the Facebook, and its on the Instagram. Check out page 8 and 9 for the list of challenges.

Also make sure you check out our Instagram to see our mini series, *Humans of History*, where members of the populace talk about their favorite humans of history!

Yours in service,

Aurri La Borgne
Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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CURRENT PHASE OF OPENING:						
PHASE 0						
CLOSED	0	1	2	3	4	5

For more information on opening, click here!

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Highland Foarde Champions

Arts and Sciences - Baroness Glynis Gwynedd

Archery - Oger Funk

Bardic - Harper An Cu

Brewing - Ethel Lea Mouse

Heavy Fighting - VACANT

Rapier - Urraka al-Tha'labiyya

Thrown Weapons - Galen Telerisson



Steel fighting is coming to tournaments in the SCA! “Armored Combat with Rebated (Steel) Blades” has been added to the Marshall’s Handbook and will use only single and two handed swords, with no thrusting, and will also

open the doors to explore different kinds of tournament formats.

To read more, check out this link here for the SCA’s official announcement and the Marshall’s Handbook!



Atlantian Activities



Northern Atlantia A&S night: March 10th, 6-9pm via Google Meet

Monthly Business Meeting: March 21st 2pm via Discord

Quill Quest 39 - Hildegard von Bingen: Thurs March 4 - Wed March 10

Thank you Magistra Iselda de Narbonne for writing this Quill Quest! Share or create works inspired by Hildegard von Bingen

Ponte Alto Baronial Happy Hour: Fri March 12 - Sun March 21

Come hang out and socialize for our monthly happy hour!

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

**WANT A PLACE TO CHAT WITH
THE REST OF THE POPULACE?**



JOIN US ON DISCORD!

The unofficial place to hang out, without the added stress of zoom rooms!

Come join us in the voice channels, maybe stream some crafts you're working on, or take part in many of the various text channels, grouped to suit your needs.

**[Click here to take part in the discussions,
streams, movie nights, and more!](#)**

Highland River Meles

Challenges



National Library of France. Arsenal Library, MS-5193 reserve, fol. 64r. Retrieved: Feb 10 2021
ID: A man wearing a blue robe, gold collar, and gold crown, stands between four women wearing crowns, all of them are holding spindles. A knight in armor stands to the right of the group, watching them.

With spring officially upon us, it means that Highland River Meles is almost here! Because HRM is virtual, we are launching the challenges now so you have plenty of time to work on your entries.

For more info and more detailed descriptions of the challenges, head over to the website by clicking the link below:

[Highland River Meles Challenge Descriptions](#)

Arts & Sciences

Italian Undergarments

Sponsor: *Mistress Beatriz Aluares de la Oya*

Best Italian undergarments 1300-1600

Equestrian Fashion Show

Sponsor: *THL Arielle de Pontoise*

Short Description: *Show off your best equestrian ensemble!*

Equestrian

Madonna Oretta's Challenge

Sponsor: *Lord William de Hirst*

Short Description: *Perform a song or story while on horseback, then perform a related feat with your horse*

Zarra's Zesty Zinfandel Challenge

Sponsor: *Lady Zarra de la Vega*

Short Description: *Each rider must go through the vineyard and chop down the grapes than turn around and smash them!*

Rapier

Highland River Sword Challenge

Sponsor: Master Caitilin ingheah Fheichin

Short Description: Create a video artfully showing your sword skills!

Bells & Whistles

Sponsor: Lady Colette Vitalis

Short Description: Lady Colette Vitalis presents four different challenges for you to test your balance, coordination, and weapon-handling precision!



National Library of France. Arsenal Library, Ms-5193 reserve, fol. 80r. Retrieved: Feb 10 2021
ID: A man in a pink tunic and large red hat is backed against a rock wall. He is holding a scepter or mace and pushing away a man in a blue tunic. In the background there is a boar, jowls dripping with saliva.

Heavy

Show Me What You Got!

Sponsor: Lord Alexander of Ayr

Short Description: Heavy Kit Improvement Contest

Blocking Out The Sun

Sponsor: Lord Alexander of Ayr

Short Description: SCA Combat Archery Speed Shoot

Solis Out, Arquebus Out

Sponsor: Lord Alexander of Ayr

Short Description: Armored Push-up Challenge

Harold Hardrada Challenge!

Sponsor: Lord Alexander of Ayr

Short Description: Armored Foot Race

The First Bardic War
MAY 15-23

War Points

What are we fighting for?

A battle of bards

A yolo of youth

A fracas of fighters

A squabble of scribes

A skirmish of skits

An engagement of equines

A dispute of dancers

A ruckus of recorders

www.bardicwar.org



Populace Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 2:05pm on Sunday, February 21st with 12 attendees:
Aurri, Baron Ludwig, Baroness Sinn, Beatriz, Caran, Epy, Christian, Harper, Roisin, Scandal, Viljamaiear, Lughaidh

Officer's Gave the Following Reports



**Chatelaine: Lady Caran DeBurg
Present**

- Keeping in touch with new folks
- Christian is donating many items to go towards our feast inventory
- Newcomer movie night is coming up
 - Aurri will share a post in Instagram to help spread the word
- Last Chatelain meeting, it was discovered that YAFA can work alongside Atlantia rules



**Exchequer: Eadric the Potter
Not Present**

- Warrant should have been approved, pending confirmation
 - Was confirmed during meeting

**Quartermaster:
Magestra Beatriz Aluares de la Oya
Present**

- Nothing to report
- Aurri: will the incoming feast gear be

inventoried as we receive it or will it just be done as we inventory everything else

- Alongside everything else
- Starting goal is to take about a week, or a couple of weekends, and go through everything to see the condition of items.
- Caran: per Chatelaine meeting, all soiled or ruined items should be discarded.
- Sinn has heard from Diedre about getting back some gold key items.
- A line has been dropped for a local storage unit for whenever we get started.



**Knight's Marshal:
Sir Gaius Tascius Severus Fabianus
Not Present**

- Nothing to report



**Herald: Lady Roisin Caomhanach
Present**

- Viljamaier has reached out about status of warrant, still have not gotten a response from Atlantian Head Herald



**Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Lady Harper An Cu
Present**

- Virtual Unofficial Northern Atlantian A&S in conjunction with Roxbury Mill on Feb 10th, 11 people in attendance, Marc Lauterbach taught a class on the bagpipe pre-1600, and general A&S discussion followed. Next UNAA&SN is on Mar 10th.
- Planning for HRM is apace, unfortunately I've been swamped recently so I have not checked in on this, I know I have a few unread messages from Mishee, my apologies there. Crystal had expressed vague interest in a brewing challenge of some sort, but I believe with her school and work it's off the table. Deadline for challenges/classes was yesterday.
- Don't forget to post up your projects, accomplishments, and experiments to the Virtual Atlantia gallery! The gallery is for all manner of SCA-related content, found here: <https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/gallery.php>



**Chronicler: Aurri Le Borgne
Present**

- Instructed her first classes at University this past weekend on Social Media and streaming. Went really well, got lots of

feedback, and will be assisting people across the Knowne World.

- HRM court planning is underway with Their Excellencies.
- Release forms were sent out a few weeks ago for social media, please fill it out!
- YouTube channel is up and live
 - Would like to make a playlist directed toward newcomers (basic garb, going through base feast gear, etc). Please contact Aurri to send in videos.



**Web Minister: Scandal Mac Rofir
Present**

- Website has been updated with the current newsletter
- HRM class/challenge submissions are up and running.
- Website is getting a refresh fro accessibility, namely alt-text. If anyone would like to assist with writing alt-text for the website, please contact Scandal.
 - Beatriz Volunteered as she already does alt-text for her mundane job
 - Scandal suggested Roisin tackle heraldry specifically to get practice writing blazons



Youth Officer: Vacant



MOL: Epy Pengelli, Armiger Present

- No fighting or anything going on, so no authorizations are being renewed



Seneschal: Lord Viljamaiear Larenson Present

- Highland Foorde has been bumped up to Phase 0 on Atlantia's reopening initiative
 - Draft of changes to the Kingdom covid reopening document.
 - 5 phases, no estimated endpoint (based on vaccine and local/state/ federal guidance
 - Draft may be viewed here:
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1y9kocPSM47Ny3nFVQOOSoqoGdEgbKZOC?usp=sharing>
- No youth activities may be held online except in accordance with Corporate guidelines, which means family friendly activities with parents attending or

prerecorded (and prescreened by the youth and chatelain offices) activities. The youth office is looking for prerecorded activities that can be offered to families.

- Further guidance will be sought. Can we use their images, ect.?
- Kingdom is currently looking to approve Tik Tok for social media activities
- Curia is scheduled for 10 am on Sunday the 28th of February. The Curia will be live streamed on Virtual Atlantia for anyone to view.
- Charter Draft Progress
 - Removal of gendered language where possible
 - Yearly Charter Review Policy
 - Updates to Officer section
 - Procedures for contact polices that aren't a phone call.
 - Policies for objecting to an officer
 - Working on putting together a confidential way to object to a potential or sitting officer
 - Transition Policies
 - Draft in progress (With notes) can be viewed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l4Nkebv4FCNc9-HbydHYJdv1O2-n5YjdETnd2lj7glA/edit?usp=sharing>



Baron and Baroness: Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn Present

- Took University, Aurri has wonderful classes on social media/streaming.

- Aurri came out to shoot a promo for HRM challenges. If anyone needs a video from us to promote, reach out to us or Aurri and we can get it done.
- Please put in award recommendations. A how-to is available in the newsletter!
 - Potential for Royal Court at HRM

occur. Background checks are part of the warranting process.

- Warrant form available at: <https://atlantia.sca.org/offices/seneschal/youths/youth-activities-forms>
- Ad will be placed in the newsletter

Old Business:

- Highland River Melees
 - Emailed DEI officer for a “Best Practices” document for virtual events
 - Want to do social media videos telling the Decameron stories using various members of the populace.
 - Still harassing people to get back about actually submitting challenges, which is why there is a 2 week gap between submissions and posting the schedule/challenges
 - Will be looking to get guidance about youth activities
- Highland Havoc
 - It’s happening in November, potentially with in person activities

- Motion to adjourn by Scandal, seconded by Baroness Sinn at 3:26pm

New Business:

- Bank discussions
 - Eadric will look over all the information available once he looks over the books
- Youth Officer
 - Christian is interested with Jenna coming on as Deputy.
 - Research will need to be done to verify the steps of approval we need to follow (warrant then background check or vice versa?)
 - Youth officer must be approved by local groups before warranting can

New to the Barony or SCA?

First off, welcome! We are so happy that you are interested in joining our family of revelry and creativity. You can click the links below to find more information on what the SCA is, how it started, and how **YOU** can get started.

New to the SCA

SCA Newcomer's Portal

How to Get Started

What is the SCA?

Become a Member

If we are your local Barony, reach out to our Chatelaine Lady Caran De Burg to get a jumpstart on your participation within the community! In addition to providing resources and information, the Chatelaine can also provide loaner gear such as feast ware, garb, and accessories to new members to use at events.

You can contact Lady Caran by e-mailing her at info@highlandfoorde.atlantia.sca.org

How to Recommend an Award

Do you believe someone in the Barony or Society deserves an award or recommendation? Awards are given based on feedback from members. All members, no matter their current status, are encouraged to provide recommendations to their Crowns.

For award recommendations we have multiple options:

- Email the Baron or Baroness with your recommendation.
- The NEW Baronial Award recommendation system!
- Also Kingdom level recommendations!

Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn want to help with awards. Please notify them by email so they may offer input, especially regarding kingdom recommendations.

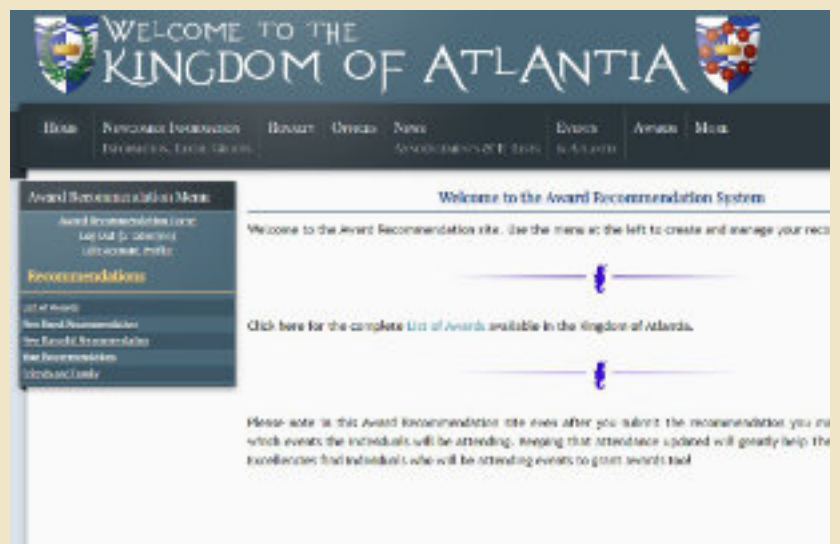
Award Submission Guide

As 2021 begins, when is there a better time to submit awards for your friends and family? Not only was 2020 a difficult year, but some people thrived in this virtual space, and they deserve to be recognized!

This guide is to help everyone, new and old alike, navigate the Award Recommendation System (ARS) and get those awards submitted for your Baronage and Their Royal Majesties to see.

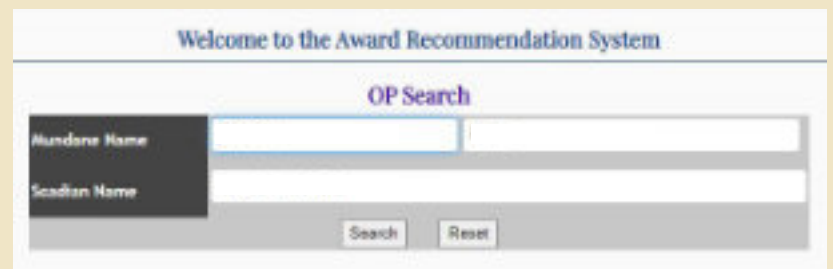
Step 1: Log in

In order to access the ARS, you must have a log in. ARS uses Atlantian Enterprise Login (AEL) so if you've ever signed in for the University of Atlantia, Orders of the Laurel, Pelican, Pearl, or Golden Dolphin – you're ready to go! There is a chance you'll still need to connect your account with your SCA membership but that's super easy, you just type in your account number. For this process, I have logged in as myself. Here is what your screen should look like:



Step 2: Enter their name

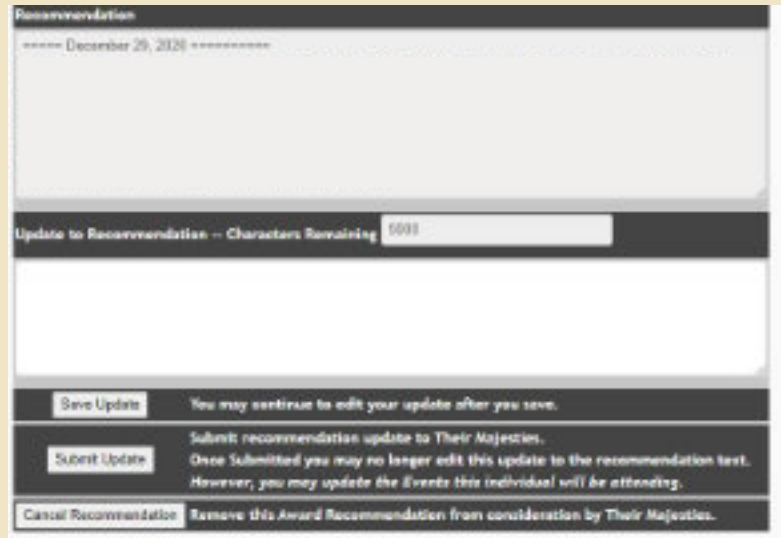
This is to help find their entry in the Order of Precedence (OP). Why is this important? Some people have very similar names, some may have changed their name. All in all, it's to help make sure you are selecting the right person to get the right award. That could be awkward.



Step 5: So you've made a mistake...

No worries! Luckily, you can go back and update your recommendation. For this lucky recipient, I've blocked out the good deeds they've done. But you can see that it will date your recommendation so you know when you wrote it!

Don't forget that whenever you're done, you need to save.



The screenshot shows a web interface for updating a recommendation. At the top, it says "Recommendation" and "December 20, 2020". Below that is a large text area for the recommendation. A progress bar indicates "Update to Recommendation -- Characters Remaining 5000". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Save Update" (with the note "You may continue to edit your update after you save."), "Submit Update" (with the note "Submit recommendation update to Their Majesties. Once Submitted you may no longer edit this update to the recommendation text. However, you may update the Events this individual will be attending."), and "Cancel Recommendation" (with the note "Remove this Award Recommendation from consideration by Their Majesties.>").

Step 6: The waiting game

Congratulations! If you've made it this far, you have successfully submitted your very first award! Now you have spread one's good deeds to Their Excellencies and Their Royal Majesties to review. But when will they get said award? Who knows! Awards aren't guaranteed and there is no timeline for when they get announced. Plus, there is scribal work and illumination. It takes some time.

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