



The Silfren Scroll

Silfren Mere Celebrates 2018

by: Roland

The Shire of Silfren Mere had an exciting year in 2018.

Silfren Mere's own Yngvar inn Heppni and Luce Tolle completed their reign as Northshield's king and queen. The coronation took place on April 14, 2018, and they completed their reign in September.

Castle Fever was one of Silfren Mere's notable successes. The event went over very well and included Princess Petranella's Princess Sleeve tournament, which was won by our very own Tarian Dane. Her Highness decided to have Mistress Margalit Medicus be her Sleeve holder.

In 2019, Silfren Mere plans to hold three events. In addition to the annual Castle Fever event held in Oronoco, the shire will host the "To Die By the Sword—Plead the Fifth" event in April. This is an annual rapier event that is a sister event to "To Live By the Sword". It consists of fun tournaments and incredible prizes.

Silfren Mere will also host the Northshield Dance Seminar XXIV in September. This event will be in Rochester, MN and consist of a full day of classes, with a ball in the early evening and the day will end with a Dessert Revel.

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Featured Shire of Silfren Mere 2019 Events

To Die By the Sword-Plead the Fifth
 April 6th
 West Concord, MN

Castle Fever 2019
 June 1st
 Oronoco, MN

Northshield Dance Seminar XXIV
 September 21st
 Rochester, MN

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Senescal's Report

Twelfth Night Greetings!

This New Year, I want to start out by thanking you all for everything you do for our Shire of Silfren Mere. We have a lot of talented and helpful people amongst us, and for that I am most appreciative. So thanks for your past, current & future help!

Speaking of doing things...while we are a tight knit and functional group, we have room to grow. Please think about ways we can recruit and retain new members. Maybe we can host a demo or two, or perhaps have a presence in a couple community parades this summer? Please bring your idea(s) to the March 6 shire meeting.

I would love to see us doing more things outside business meetings! To that end, I am hosting an Afternoon of A&S on Sunday, February 17 at my house. I am still working out details so stay tuned to our email and Facebook groups!

Just a reminder - if you are a shire officer, please remember to get me a copy of your quarterly reports. You should get a copy of your report emailed to you from the Northshield website and you can just forward it on to me.

In Service!

Anpliça

Inspiring A&S

by Anpliça Fiore

How do you figure out what your next A&S project is? Where do you start? How do you get motivated? There are as many answers to this question as people in the SCA. Here are a few of my places to go to get inspiration. I hope they inspire you as well!

- **Medieval & Renaissance Material Culture**
The Linkspages at Larsdottir.com (<http://larsdottir.com/>)

Are you interested in medieval infant slings? Maybe zibellini are more up your alley. All this and more can be researched on this site. There are links to period images and extant pieces for more categories than you can imagine. The best thing is this site it organized by category and easily searchable. So take a look next time you're looking for an idea or more information on your next project.

- **Pinterest**
(<http://pinterest.com>) - I'm sure it will come to no surprise that you can find links and other information on just about everything under the sun. The things I like best about Pinterest, is you can easily save and organize research links, and when you look closer at a pin, you get other ideas/links below. My next favorite thing is you can "borrow" research from others by finding other boards about your topic. The biggest con to Pinterest is that to make full use of the site you need to register and create a login.

- The Kingdom of Atlantia has a page dedicated to A&S links (<http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/wsnlinks/>) that covers 33 different categories like Camping and Performing Arts. The thing that makes this page different from Larsdottir's is that it includes links to primary documents like transcribed texts alongside secondary and tertiary documents like articles and class handouts written for SCAians by SCAians.

- **SCA Groups**
There are many places online you can go to see what SCA groups have done for competitions or see what guilds are sharing. Here are a handful of some I've used:

- **Northshield A&S Page**
(<http://www.northshield.org/Resources/SubMenu.aspx?ArtsAndSciences>) - Did you know we have a lot of information submitted by Northshielders? There is everything from bardic pieces to class handouts. There is even a spot for instructional videos, although there aren't any of those posted yet.
- **The West Kingdom Needleworkers Guild**
(<http://www.wkneedle.org/>) - This guild has a lot of articles by their members on everything from a variety of embroidery techniques, to spangles, to what is in a period workbox. I love the glimpse into a working guild that you get from this page.
- **Barony of Innilgard A&S Competitions**
(<https://innilgard.lochac.sca.org/arts-and-sciences-competitions/>) - This Barony in the Kingdom of Lochac has a lot of A&S Competitions listed on their webpage, both local to their Barony and also throughout their Kingdom. Some thoughts I have from their page right now is to maybe try to create something for pilgrimage (for Innilgard) Indulgences (Lenten) Feast) or perhaps a container (for 12th Night 2020)

These links are just the tip of the iceberg for getting inspiration for your next A&S project. I look forward to seeing what inspires you for an A&S competition or display in the not-to-distant future!

Northshield Online Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2019

Check out the annual online fundraising auction! You can find the auction's Facebook group at "NS Online Fund Raiser". The funds raised will help the Kingdom of Northshield. 75% of the funds will be donated to the kingdom endowment fund. The other 25% will go to the Royal Travel Fund. The services and goods auctioned off are donated by the populace of Northshield.



Exchequer Annual Missive

Hello from your local neighborhood exchequer.

In 2018, the Shire started with \$3,340.72 on our ledger and ended with \$3,612.13. So overall, we did well maintaining the coffers. We had about \$730 in administrative costs in 2018 which was higher than normal, but we had a very successful event that only cost \$104.

The budget in 2019 is we're planning on spending \$1,422 (\$797 in admin and \$575 in event costs). This plan was done before we decided to host a third event in 2019.

But small events that cost little have been pretty good to our Shire in recent years. We might not have the largest events, but we excel at both specialty events like Kingdom A&S or Dance Symposium as well as our camping catch all events.

I anticipate having more gains in 2019 and look forward to reporting again next January.

In other news, I'm writing up an easy and quick guide to the exchequer report excel sheet. Anyone who has a passing interest in possibly being an exchequer, please let me know. I'd be happy to go through how simple the quarterly report can be. I've already been exchequer for 20 months. Although I don't plan to end my tenure this year, I would like for someone to step up and plan for a transition. I think it'd help to go through a few quarters with me before taking over. So please, let me know if you're interested.

Thank you.
Tarien

Northshield Event Calendar

FEBRUARY 2019

Estrella War XXXV | Feb. 19-25

Kingdom of Atenveldt (Queen Creek AZ)

Lupercalia | Feb. 23

Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Garden City MN)

MARCH 2019

Gulf Wars XXVIII | Mar. 9-16

Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton MS)

That Moot Thing (TMT) 2019 | Mar. 22-24

Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Tomah WI)

Haire Affaire | March 30

Shire of Falcon's Keep (Auburndale WI)

APRIL 2019

To Die By the Sword-Plead the Fifth | Apr. 6

Shire of Silfren Mere (West Concord MN)

Northshield Spring Coronation | Apr. 13

Barony of Jararvellir (Waterloo WI)

Road to the Isle XXII:

The Jorvik Adventure | Apr. 20

Shire of Mistig Waetru (Calumet MI)

MAY 2019

Bardic Madness XXIX:

The Bards of Avonwood | May 4,

Shire of Avonwood (Marshall MN)

Northshield Spring Crown Tournament | May 11

Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (Stoughton WI)

Mermaid's Retreat XXVI -

Myths and Monsters | May 17-19

Shire of Turm an dem See (Valders WI)

Middle Kingdom

50 Year Celebration | May 24-27

Kingdom of Middle (Danville IN)



What is the SCA?

The Society for Creative Anachronism is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Our "Known World" consists of 20 kingdoms, with over 30,000 members residing in countries around the world. Participants, dressed in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, attend events which may feature tournaments, arts exhibits, classes, workshops, dancing, feasts, and more. Our "royalty" hold courts at which they recognize and honor members for their contributions to the group.

Source: <http://www.sca.org/links/about.html>

2018 Awards*

Gevehard von Baden

Scroll of Honor | Northshield Fall Coronation
Cypher, Joint King & Queen | Northshield Fall Coronation
Cypher, King's | Ides of March

Isabella Beatrice della Rosa

Scroll of Honor | Northshield Fall Coronation
Saltire, Order of the | Twelfth Night

Greta Rahikkainen

Cypher, Joint King & Queen | Northshield Fall Coronation

Susanna Sparke of Cheshire

Cypher, Joint King & Queen | Northshield Fall Coronation

Petrus of Silfren Mere

Black Bolt, Award of the | Castle Fever

Luce Tolle

Sovereign's Consort | Northshield Spring Coronation
Duchess | Northshield Fall Coronation

Yngvar inn Heppni

Sovereign | Northshield Spring Coronation
Duke | Northshield Fall Coronation

Thora Hrafnsteinn Ornlófsdóttir

Cypher, Joint King & Queen | Northshield Spring Coronation

Tarien Dane

Hand of Tyr, Order of the | Lupercalia
Saltire, Order of the | Lupercalia

*As reported on the Northshield website.

New to the SCA?

Interested in learning more about the SCA and Shire of Silfren Mere? You can find us online (www.silfrenmere.org) or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groups/silfrenmere/). We meet each second Tuesday of the month. You can find meeting times and locations on Facebook or our website.



Medieval Combat, Rapier & Archery

We try and meet several times each month to practice medieval combat, rapier and archery. You can find meeting times and locations on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/silfrenmere/>