

# The Thorny Truth



Shire of Rosenfeld

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## Meeting & Practice Information

**August 2:** Chivalric Fighter Practice  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) **McWhorter Park - Longview**

**August 9:** A&S Class: 2:00 pm **Glove-Making Class – Mistress Dyan**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) **Officer's Meeting** 3:00 pm (Open to All – First Half of Meeting)  
**Populace Meeting** 4:00 pm (Open to All)  
**Officer's Meeting** 5:00 pm (Open to All – Second Half of Meeting)

**This date's meetings will also include a shire pot luck.  
Check out the Shire Crier for details the week prior to see who will be bringing what.**

**August 16:** Rapier Fighter Practice  
(3rd Sunday) **Bergfeld Park - Tyler**

No meetings or practices are scheduled during holiday weekends. Changes in meeting or practice dates will be posted to the Rosenfeld List so please check your email on applicable Sundays for updates.

For more information regarding meetings, please contact the Seneschal. For more information regarding fighter practices, please contact the Knight Marshal. Contact information is located at the front of this publication.

### Shire Website

<http://rosenfeld.ansteorra.org>

### Shire E-group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rosenfeld>

## Guild Information

The Shire of Rosenfeld currently has several active guilds. Please contact the following individuals for information regarding current projects:

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Information regarding the various guild meetings is now accessible on the Rosenfeld website.



## From the Seneschal

Greetings unto my fellow members of Rosenfeld,

I'm late in writing and submitting this report. It's a poor example to set but I'm now glad I did. The August issue of 'The Black Star' just arrived. I was looking at the Officer's reports and ... Huzzah! Ansteorra's Blackfox Award Nominations included: (1) Best Overall (newsletter and chronicler) – Shire of Rosenfeld, The Thorny Truth, various acting chroniclers [That should be Lady Eithne, Duchess Julia and Lady Sarah], new chronicler Fridhur Haralds, (2) Best Article (newsletter and writer) – Shire of Rosenfeld, The Thorny Truth, Sep 2008-Feb 2009, six part article "The Black Death and its Effect in Fourteenth Century England," Julia de Montoya, and (3) Best Layout/Design (newsletter and chronicler) – Shire of Rosenfeld, The Thorny Truth, Fridhur Haralds. Again, Huzzah to Lady Fridhur, Duchess Julia, Lady Eithne and Lady Sarah!

Again, I would like to welcome Lady Elena to the Shire of Rosenfeld. Moving here from the Barony of the Lonely Tower (Omaha, Nebraska), she has already met members of the Shire at xXx and the July populace. With interests including bardcraft and cooking, she has already made an impact by suggesting a potluck at each of our meetings. Enjoy each other's contributions at the Populace Meeting in the Genecov Room at the Tyler Chamber of Commerce Building on August 9th.

The proximity of events did see us travelling in larger numbers than previous months. Rosenfeld was continuously serving everywhere at Ansteorra's Thirtieth Anniversary and Crown Tourney. Thank you to all who helped set up and take down, teach and judge, marshal and herald, and sit gate. Thank you also for participating in both the static and performing arts and in both the chivalric and rapier martial arts. Our presence at the Roundtable administrative event was also impressive. Nine people took or taught classes.

Ansteorra has only two official events scheduled in August. Jägermeister in Ffynnon Gath (San Marcos), although outside the Central Region, is still day-trip distance. I anticipate heavy involvement at Steppes Artisan/Elfsea College. The Scribal Guild accepted a request to provide the Artisan Scroll. Others promised to teach and compete. Look at the back page of 'The Thorny Truth' or the Kingdom Calendar at [ansteorra.org](http://ansteorra.org) for further information on these fine events.

Applications for Seneschal will be closed (if you're reading 'The Thorny Truth' when it's sent to subscribing members at the end of July) or were closed (if you're reading it from [rosenfeld.ansteorra.org](http://rosenfeld.ansteorra.org)) on July 31. Please help whoever Her Excellency Margaret, Central Region Seneschal, selects to do their best. They will be trying to help you do yours.

Support and Flourish,

Tostig  
Acting Seneschal, Rosenfeld



## From the Chronicler

Unto Rosenfeld, I send Good Greetings:

Wow! I'm probably the last officer to submit a report every month – typically just before I publish The Thorny Truth. But like His Excellency, Baron Tostig, I'm glad to have the opportunity to comment on how awesome it is to be nominated for something as special as the William Blackfox Awards! I know that Rosenfeld has many newcomers who are unaware of what a special talent Master William had for capturing the quintessential essence of each subject he portrayed in caricature. I have one he drew of me way back when (I'll never tell!). I'll bet there are a few other shire members who have a piece of Master William's work. Vivat! Rosenfeld!

Again, anyone interested in submitting original artwork or articles for publication, please do not hesitate to contact me. Note: <http://www.ansteorra.org/publications/forms/PubPerm.pdf> is the link to the form for permission to publish.

Fríðr



## From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings! The A&S at 30<sup>th</sup> year was interesting to look at, as was the history display. If you entered any of the various A&S competitions, please let me know. I will give you word fame when I do my monthly report.

Mistress Dyan is scheduled to teach part one of her famed glove class. This will be a lecture from 2:00-3:00 pm the Sunday of our August meeting and will include a handout. You can then order the supplies and make your gloves so that you are ready for part two. Part two covers decorating your glove and will probably take place in November. In September we will be having a gate class to prepare for Three Queens. October will probably be the after event meetings.

Steppes Artisan is being held in conjunction with the Elfsea Baronial College this month. You can attend classes, look at the displays, and support those displaying even if you do not participate in the competition. I understand the classes offered will be on the order of SCA 101.

I hope that several artisans from Rosenfeld will display their work. Even if you are not comfortable competing for the title of Steppes Artisan, it is a good chance to get a lot of feedback from many different judges. This competition is a body of work, so you show a representative sample of what you do. If you only have one item, that is acceptable, too.

If I can assist you in preparing for this event, please let me know. I am willing to go over your documentation and offer suggestions. In any case, please consider displaying your work or attending the classes.

Lady Stephanie Lilburn



## Heraldically Speaking...

Greetings to all in our stellar Shire of Rosenfeld,

I hope our shire finds that I am helpful during my term as your Pursuivant (Herald). I know that I am following some awesome heraldic experience and have a long way to go, but I am open to learning and helping you meet your needs as best as I can. Besides, I have some excellent resources if I don't know your answers.

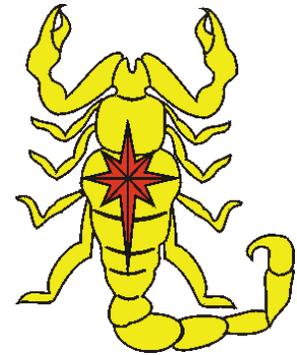
I wish to thank my predecessor for all of the time and effort that he has put into the Herald's position and now, as acting Seneschal.

Now to His Excellency's question from last month revisited and the answer:

### Take the challenge!

Can you name what Order uses this badge / insignia to recognize members of their populace who display the attributes of chivalry, gentility, nobility and authenticity?

Badge/Insignia: (Fieldless) On a scorpion Or, a compass star gules



Answer: The Heart of the Scorpion of al-Barran.

Awarded to Lord Edgar McGregor (al-Barran), who visited our Populace meeting in June, and has attended unofficial rapier practices with Mistress Rhiannon.

### Submissions:

At the Laurel level, we have one name re-submission (Bernhart Von Bruck) and two name (Livia da Nicolosi and Porzia da Nicolosi) and one device submission (Porzia da Nicolosi), and one fast track submission.

At the Kingdom level, we have two names (Cairistiona inghean Mhorghainn and Reyner de Arden) and devices in submission (same).

At our shire level, consultation has begun for one name (Marie Rochelle) and one device (same). I have also received a redrawn device for re-submission (Roesia Sorweles). If I have made any errors or omissions, please let me know.

As a reminder, please let me know of any heraldic activity you have been working on, or need help with, or know of any awards that those of Rosenfeld have received.

Vivat Rosenfeld!

Arden  
Rosenfeld Pursuivant



## From the Rapier Marshal

The Kingdom's Thirtieth Anniversary has come and gone. Rapier fighters had the opportunity to participate in two full days of fighting in the heat of an Ansteorran summer. It was a great event and thanks are due to everyone who helped to sponsor tournaments, marshaled and worked to keep the rest of us fighters and non fighters alike hydrated.

August will still be hot so let us remember to stay hydrated when fighting even as we see cool weather approaching in the near future.

The renewed interest in rapier fighting has been great. At least two fighters are coming out on Monday evenings and we had four people in armor at our last practice with another doing drills and noncontact work.

See you at Practice.

In Service  
Rhiannon



## Three Queens II: In the Name of the Rose

Greetings Rosenfeld!

Three Queens is closer than we think at this point. Preparations are (still) going very well. We are expecting excellent attendance, cool scenarios for fighting, awesome ambiance from our team of Lady Carletta & Lord Ricciardo, interesting role play from our principals, and an all-around good time. Blurbs have been going in every month to the Black Star and lots of dialogue is happening around the Kingdom. Our one-page teaser ad has been submitted for printing in the September Black Star. A two-page ad will go into the October issue.

Pavilion designations will be posted to the list soon. If you have a pavilion you can offer, please email Lady Sarah with the size and type (i.e. 10 x 10 pop-up).

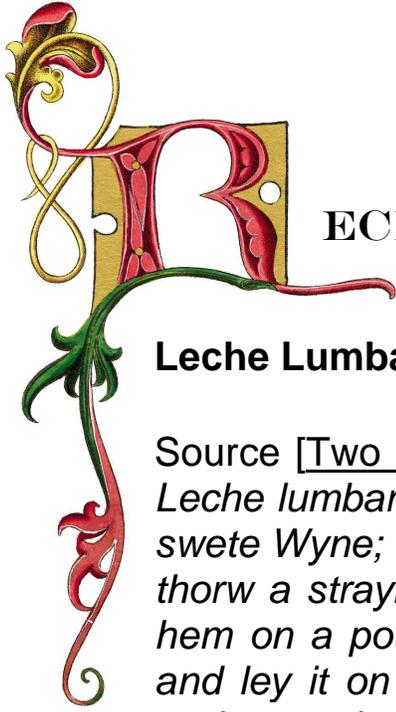
The usual work weekend will occur on **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at the storage facility at 9:00 am and then at the Hawkins Site as soon as the castle can be loaded and transported. Lunch will be provided.

In addition, for those who are able, we welcome and encourage your assistance on Friday morning (of the event) for transporting remaining items from the storage facility and set-up completion at the site.

Thanks to all who have assisted in the making of Three Queens III! Vivat Rosenfeld!

In Service,

**Lady Sarah**  
**Duchess Julia**



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by Mistress Rhiannon

### Leche Lumbarde (Date Bars)

Source [Two Fifteenth-Century Cookery-Books, T. Austin (ed.)]: v - *Leche lumbarde. Take Datys, an do a-way the stonys, and sethe in swete Wyne; take hem vppe, an grynd hem in a mortere; draw vppe thorw a straynoure with a lytyl whyte Wyne and Sugre, And caste hem on a potte, and lete boyle tylle it be styff; then take yt vppe, and ley it on a borde; than take poudere of Gyngere and Canelle, and wryng it, and molde it to-gederys in thin hondys, and make it so styf that it wolle be lechyde; and if it be not styf y-nowe, take hard olkys of Eyron and kreme (Note: Crimme; crumble) ther-on, or ellys grated brede, and make it thicke y-now; then take clareye, and caste ther-on in maner of a Syryppe, when thou shalt serue it forth.*

1 cup dates, pitted

1 cup wine

1/2 cup water

1/8 cup sugar

1/4 tsp. cinnamon

1/8 tsp. ginger

10 slices bread, ground

red sandalwood powder (optional)

Put dates, wine, and water into a large pot and bring to a boil. Simmer until dates are soft - about 10 minutes - and then drain, reserving liquid. Grind dates until smooth and return to the pot. Add the sugar, spices, and the wine the dates were cooked in, and return briefly to a boil. The mixture should be very thick. Remove from heat and add bread crumbs a little at a time. When completely mixed, press out flat and slice into one-inch squares. Dust with red sandalwood powder if desired. (makes approximately 45 pieces)

This dish reminds me of the date bars my grandmother used to make for us when I was young.



## Tiercel

Twice tethered is the tiercel in its mews  
Bound to a trembling earth and to my fist  
That 'gainst the azure sky doth fling him loose  
To watch with straining eye the wingéd kiss  
And earth-bound, waiting, as he catapults  
Into endless expanse to wheel and spin  
Each moment he flies free in heaven's vault  
My heart in breathless awe doth soar with him  
So like a stone he plummets to the kill  
In fierce and fearless joy - his talons strike  
With no regard save for the moment's thrill  
Remorseless, in that way, we are alike  
Captive to what the heart forever yearns  
Reluctant, yet compelled, to fist returns

- *by the hand of Fridhur Haralds*

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### **Rapier Marshal**

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### **Virtual Scribe**

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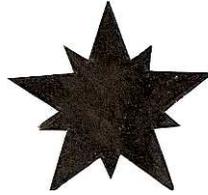


### **Special Announcement**

Recently, a member of Rosenfeld's Financial Commitment resigned and an opening is currently available for that vacated position. The Financial Committee consists of the group's seneschal, exchequer, and a member of the populace (not necessarily an officer – anyone residing in Rosenfeld who is a paid member may apply).

Anyone interested in applying for a seat on the Financial Committee should send a Letter of Application to [treasurer@rosenfeld.ansteorra.org](mailto:treasurer@rosenfeld.ansteorra.org) as a Deputy Exchequer with a copy to [seneschal@rosenfeld.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@rosenfeld.ansteorra.org) by August 31st.

Members of the Financial Committee are required to take the finance portion of the Exchequer Class within 90 days of being seated on the committee ca. September 9th.



# Kingdom of Anstorra Event Planner

## August 2009 (A.S. XLIV)

- 7-9 Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII
- 14-16 Steppes Artisan/Elfsea Baronial College - Multigroup Event (Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX)
- 21-23 Open
- 28-30 Jägermeister - Ffynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)

## September 2009 (A.S. XLIV)

- 4-7 Gothic War XVIII - Multigroup Event (Lubbock/San Angelo, TX)  
Out of Kingdom: Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium - Barony of the Lonely Tower, Calontir (Ohama, Nebraska)  
Labor Day Weekend
- 11-13 Laurel's Prize - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)  
Grand Assembly of Archers - Multigroup Event (Norman/Oklahoma City, OK)
- 18-20 Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX) \*PED\*  
Triumpe of the Eclipse IV - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 25-27 Unofficial Event: Lawton International Fest Demo - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)

## October 2009 (A.S. XLIV)

- 2-4 The Battle of Three Queens II: In the Name of the Rose - Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)  
Out of Kingdom: Midrealm XL Year Celebration - Middle Kingdom (Chicago, IL)
- 9-11 Namron Protectorate - Namron (Norman, OK) \*PED\*  
Gate's Edge Fall Event - Gate's Edge (Houston, TX)  
Out of Kingdom: Known World Academy of the Rapier and Costumers Symposium - Barony of Bhakail, East (Philadelphia, PA)
- 16-18 Ursae-Lyons - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX) \*PED\*  
Battle of the Pines - Graywood (Lufkin, TX)  
Elfsea Fall Harvest Festival - Elfsea (Fort Worth, TX)
- 23-25 Samhain Celebration - Eldern Hills (Lawton/Ft. Sills, OK) \*PED\*  
Bryn Gwlad 30th Year Anniversary - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
- 30-31 Tourney by the Loch - Loch Soilleir (Friendswood, TX)  
Harvest of the Axe, Heroes Vs. Monsters - Multigroup Event (Bartlesville/Shawnee, OK)  
Emerald Tourney - Emerald Keep (Waco, TX)

# AUGUST 2009 – SHIRE of ROSENFELD ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>CHIVALRIC Practice McWhorter Park - Longview</b>						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Officers / Populace Meeting &amp; Pot Luck Genecov Room – Tyler</b>						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>RAPIER Practice Bergfeld Park - Tyler</b>				<b>Scribal Night 7:00 pm Calendar Lake</b>		<b>Sewing Saturday 11:00 am Longview</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Note: All activities are subject to change due to weather, etc. Please stay in touch on Rosenfeld's e-group for updated information.