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Archery Marshal

## From the Seneschal

Greetings unto the Shire,

September is upon us. This means that Laurel's Prize Tournament is right around the corner. If you are wondering how to help out, please consider helping set-up or take-down, sitting a gate shift, or helping with or donating something for breakfast or lunch. We already have many wonderful food items being donated all ready! Let us all come together to make this event happen.

I would also like to announce that the office for rapier marshal is open until October 1st and is accepting applications. Please submit your application along with proof of membership and driver's license to myself and our regional rapier marshal. Also, as a reminder, the office of seneschal will become open this coming January. If you are interested, please submit an application with all pertinent information to myself and our regional hospitaler no later than November 1st.

In service to the Shire,

Lady Arianna de Genevois

Seneschal of Seawinds

## Notable Achievements and Activities

Congratulations go out to H.L. Caley and H.L. Gavin for receiving their Gold Mentor Chirurgeon baldrics at Pennsic. These accolades are well deserved.

Congratulations are also due to Lady Yao Yuming for receiving her Award of Arms at Pennsic. Vivat to Seawinds' newest Lady!

## From the Chronicler

If you wish to have a printed subscription to the Sandscrit please contact Lord Jayme to make appropriate arrangements. Submissions to the Sandscrit are due on the 20th of the month preceding the issue you are writing for. All submissions are welcome! If you are writing an article or including artwork, please see the Chronicler for a release form, as this must be included with your submission in order to be published.

## This month in Our Period

Sept 1, 1532 - Anne Boleyn made Marquess of Pembroke by King Henry VIII

Sept 3, 1189 - Richard I (The Lionheart) crowned at Westminster

Sept 6, 1522 - The Victoria - One of Magellan's ships, returns to Spain, becoming the first ship to circumnavigate the globe

Sept 7, 1191 - 3rd Crusade - Battle of Arsuf, Richard I defeats Saladin

Sept 8, 1504 - Michaelangelo's David unveiled in Florence

Sept 9, 1543 - Mary Stuart is crowned Queen of Scots in Stirling at nine months old

Sept 13, 122 - Building of Hadrian's Wall begins

Sept 20, 1187 - Saladin begins the Siege of Jerusalem

Sept 23, 1459 - Battle of Blore Heath fought - first major battle of the War of the Roses

Sept 26, 1580 - Sir Frances Drake finishes his circumnavigation of the globe

Sept 28, 1066 - William the Conquerer invades England, beginning the Norman Conquest

In Loving Memory  
of  
Zeus



Photo by Lady Varvara Banichova

## A Loss of One of Our Own

On July 31, we were informed of sad news that a gentle who had captured many of our hearts had passed on. For those who did not have the pleasure of meeting Zeus, our Shire's Gentle Giant,

I can only say that you missed a wonderful being. With hooves as big as dinner plates and shoulders clear over the top of my head, it was easy to be intimidated by him. True to his gentle demeanor though, Zeus was a joy to groom even for someone who had terrible horse allergies. I will miss the times where I'd go out to Calena's stalls and give him a brush down, help clean his hooves, or just set out food and hay. I'll miss the occasions where I'd get to climb up into his saddle or just take a ride around the round-pen without a saddle. Let me just say, if you've ever tried to straddle a park bench for a long period of time... That's what riding around on Zeus was like, only he had incredibly smooth suspension. I was terribly saddened to hear of his passing, but grateful to see the outpouring of memories from those in this Shire. It reminds me that we are all indeed a family, even if one of us moves away. I know that I will always keep Zeus and Calena in my memories.

Lord Jayme Dominguez del Valle

Last Performance  
Lady Varvara Banichova  
Mka Rachel Payne

They called him Zeus  
And, oh, what a god of a horse was he.  
His long, wild mane  
Flowing like frenzied fame,  
Animating the dark, rhythmic  
Haunts of an electric, thrash-metal bass guitar.  
Hypnotized by his glass,  
Black pool eyes  
The crowd frozen,  
Waits in anticipation.  
Dissonance dances,  
Silent, but visible to all who know  
This is his last show.  
A distant bodhran  
Marches the equine muse  
Home.

## Laurel's Prize Tourney

The Shire of Seawinds is honored once again to be hosting Laurel's Prize Tourney on September 12 at Choke Canyon State Park. Her Majesty Elizabetha will be in attendance so we are doubly honored. As with any event volunteers are needed. The following is a list of the areas that volunteers are needed:

Gate

Set up/take down

Hall decoration

kitchen help

fightier-both chivalric and rapier marshals are needed

waterbearing (will be mostly self serve)

If you are able to volunteer to help, please contact any one of the event stewards. We are counting on the support of the shire in once again hosting a memorable event. Got questions? Just ask! Check out the website for Laurel's Prize for information on directions, schedule, etc.

Also, in order to reduce the cost of this event we will be collecting your pocket change in hopes of collecting enough money to cover the cost of the food (last time almost \$200 was collected) Please be generous or give often. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

Your event stewards,

John Lightfoot

Caitriona

Joanna the Spinner

## Upcoming Events

Sept 4-7

Gothic War XVIII - Sweetwater, TX

Sept 11-13

Laurel's Prize - Three Rivers, TX

Grand Assembly of Archers - Norman, OK

Sept 18-20

King's Lancer / Defender of the Fort - Huntsville, TX

Triumph of the Eclipse IV - Stillwater, OK

Oct 2-4

Three Queens II - Tyler, TX

Oct 9-11

Namron Protectorate - Norman, OK

Harvest Faire - Houston, TX

Oct 16-18

Ursae-Lyons - San Antonio, TX

Battle of the Pines - Lufkin, TX

Elfsea Harvest Fall Fest - Fort Worth, TX

Oct 23-25

Samhain Celebration - Ft. Sill, OK

Bryn Gwlad 30th Year - Austin, TX

Oct 30-1

Tourney by the Loch - Friendswood, TX

Harvest of the Axe - Shawnee, OK

Emerald Tourney - Waco, TX