



# The Northern Sentinel

The newsletter of the Principality of Tir Righ  
in the Kingdom of An Tir

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One week after stepping down from the Storm Thrones of Tir Righ, Viscount Owain was victorious in the tournament for Crown of An Tir. Words and photo by Viscountess Caoimhinn  
Submitted by the Seneschal of Tir Righ, Mistress Lenora di Calizzan

## Royalty of Tir Righ

The new Prince and Princess  
of Tir Righ are  
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## Officer Position Available:

### High Regent of the University of Tir Righ

The Coronet of Tir Righ is accepting applications for the office of the High Regent of the University of Tir Righ. The High Regent is responsible to the Coronet to ensure that the University of Tir Righ meets its mandate to foster and develop the mediaeval research and sharing of knowledge in Tir Righ. The High Regent is responsible for the overall performance of the University, setting direction and working with his/her deputies in making sure University Sessions are being regularly held, student records are kept and instructor's records are kept. The High Regent is responsible for appointing new Deans and making sure that they understand the responsibilities of their role in the University. This office is for a two year term and the successful applicant will be sworn in at November Investiture. Please submit your SCA resume to the Seneschal of of Tir Righ and The Prince and Princess of Tir Righ by September 1, 2008. Please note that you must be a member of the SCA, please provide membership number and expiry date.

Dame Magdalena Kress  
High Regent of the University of Tir Righ

# Indigo Dyeing

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## The Plants

There is only one source of natural blue dye for clothing, a chemical called *indigotin*. Ancient and Medieval writings record many plants (and some molluscs) which produce this blue dye, the most common being *indican*-containing plants in the genus *Indigofera*, a member of the legume family native to tropical climates. *Indigofera tinctoria*, also known as *Indigofera sumatrana*, is the species most often used in Southern Asia and India.

Other plants can also produce this dye; Chinese and Japanese dyers, being in a temperate climate not suited to indigo, used dyer's knotweed (*Polygonum tinctorum*), also known as Chinese Indigo, which belongs to the buckwheat family. These plants also produce *indican*, but in much smaller quantities. In Northern and Western Europe, also a temperate climate, dyers used woad (*Isatis tinctoria*), part of the mustard family. The indigo-precursor in woad is *isatan-B* rather than *indican*. Woad is native to southern Europe, but can be cultivated in more northern climates.

## The History

Indigo dyeing has been traced back to ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome, including a dyed garment found in Thebes dating to c. 2500 BCE and a cuniform tablet from 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE Babylon, describing a recipe for dyeing wool lapis-coloured by repeated dipping. India, China, Japan and surrounding cultures, have used indigo as a dye for centuries, creating elaborate patterned cloth through dyeing and resist-printing.

The oldest indigo dyeing centres were in India. In the Greco-Roman period, it was the primary exporter of indigo dyes to Southern Europe and Herodotus (writing around 450 B.C.) describes its use in the Mediterranean area. During the Crusades, it was one of the highly prized spices acquired at the western end of the Silk Road trade routes and Marco Polo talks about its production in his Travels. But because these dyes had to travel through many lands on their way to Europe, with heavy export duties in Persia, the Middle East, and Greece, indigo was rare in Europe during the earlier part of the mediaeval period, and most blue dye in Europe was from woad, which was cultivated in northern Italy, southern France, and parts of England and Germany.



**Silk thread dyed in indigo.  
Stronger colours produced by  
additional dips in dye vat.**



**Wool thread dyed in indigo.**

In 1498, Vasco da Gama, a Portugese explorer, discovered a sea route to India. This allowed direct trade with indigo producers in India, reducing cost, and increasing availability. Indigo flooded into Europe through ports in England, Portugal and the Netherlands, and quickly over-took the use of woad, as indigo crops yielded far greater amounts of dye than comparable woad crops. Not unnaturally, those areas which had made their fortunes from woad, sought to stem the destruction of their industry, and in 1598, both France and Germany banned the import of indigo, and dyers were forced to swear, at risk of death, not to use it.

In Asia, indigo has been used since the Zhou period in China (1045-771 BCE). In Japan, indigo was used early on, but it was a native dye known as *yama ai* (Mountain indigo) that was used in a technique called 'rubbed blue', created by rubbing the leaves directly onto the fabric. Because this did not bond the dye to the fibres the colour faded quickly and ran when washed. When Chinese Indigo (known in Japan as *tade ai*) was first introduced in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> century CE, it was used the same way as the Mountain Indigo had been, until vat dye technology was introduced as well.

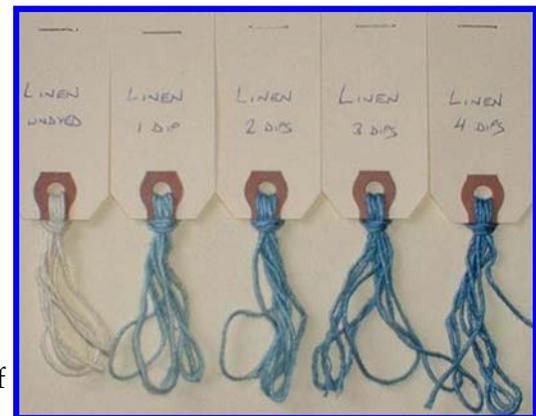
### Producing the Dye

The indigo plant itself does not produce the blue dye. *Indican*, the indigo-precursor in the indigo plant and in dyer's knotweed, is a colourless, glucose-based substance, and during the fermentation process that results in a usable dye, a bacterial enzyme created in the vat consumes the glucose, leaving *indoxyl*. The indigo-precursor in woad is *isatan-B*, which also hydrolyses in the fermentation process to form *indoxyl*, two molecules of which bond together during oxidation to form *indigotin*. It is from this substance the dye powder we use is made. Chemically, the two dye-stuffs are identical. Any discrepancies in the dyes from different sources are a result of natural impurities in the dyes, the quality of the crop they were derived from, and the skill of the dye producer.

While the exact process each culture used to extract the dyestuff differed, the basic chemical process was the same. *Indigotin*-producing plants, either fresh or dried, were fermented with water until a bacterial enzyme extracted the *indoxyl* from the plant matter through decomposition. Quicker extraction methods like the method of submerging fresh plants in India usually required manual oxidation of the *indoxyl* by agitation of the fermented *indoxyl* liquor (typically by men standing in the vat roughly paddling it around to introduce oxygen to the liquid), while in the slower methods of wetting dried plants and allowing them to rot, used in Europe and Asia, oxidation happened alongside the fermentation process. The oxidized indigotin was pressed to remove as much moisture as possible, and dried, usually in set weights, and sent on to the dyers.



**Cotton threads dyed in indigo.  
Lower row is mercerized cotton thread  
Top row not mercerized**



**Linen threads dyed in indigo**

### Using the Dye

Indigo is a 'ring dye'; a dye that only penetrates the outer layers of a thread, leaving the core undyed. *Indigotin* is insoluble in water or alcohol, and does not dye the fabric, but lies on top of it. To dye with indigo, the *indigotin* must be reduced to a water-soluble substance, causing the *indigotin* to become *leuco-indigo*, or indigo-white, which appears a greenish-yellow in the vat. In the reduction process the *indigotin* loses the oxygen bond between the two indoxyl molecules. When the fabric is spread out in the air, the indigo-white on the fabric reoxidizes, and returns to its insoluble blue form, remaining trapped in the matrix of the fibres.

The blue achieved by the dyer depends on the strength of the dye solution and the number of times the fabric is dipped into the vat. A single dip produces pale blue, while repeated dips can produce blue so deep it is almost black. In fact, some mediaeval blacks were produced by repeated indigo dips, combined with the use of tannins or iron mordants. It was these repeated dips that made blue fabric so time-consuming, and therefore expensive.

### Traditional Fermentation Vats

While different ingredients are used by various cultures, the essential process for starting and using a fermentation vat is the same. The vat must be alkaline, with a pH of approximately 10.5. This alkalinity may be produced with various substances: lye, stale urine (ammonia), soda ash, lime, potash or ammonium carbonate (baker's ammonia or smelling salts). The reduction of the *indigotin* to *indoxyl* can use different substances as well: stale urine (urea), bran, madder, sake, crushed cane sugar, Karo syrup, and dates. These substances cause composting in the vat, creating the bacteria, which removes oxygen from the vat.

Fermentation vats are tricky, as fermentation continues so long as there is food for the bacteria. Too much fermentation will ruin the vat. The vat must be kept relatively warm (around 30° C), so that the bacteria do not die off, but not too warm or the bacteria will grow too fast. The initial fermentation takes about one week, reactivating it by adding new dyestuff and reducing agents will take 3-4 days. The process is complete when the solution is a greenish-yellow, and there is a copper or iridescent blue scum on the top. Poor fermentation can be fixed with additional sugars to feed the bacteria, and ammonia can be used to increase the alkalinity. Excess fermentation can be stopped by reducing the heat slightly, or adding a touch of acid to reduce alkalinity, and making the dye-bath a little less hospitable to the bacteria. If kept outside, the vat should be kept out of direct sunlight (which may heat it too high).



cotton samples dyed in indigo



cotton gauze dyed in indigo

The fabric should be presoaked in water, then gently lowered into the vat. Because getting oxygen in the vat reverses the reduction, keep the fabric tightly bundled until underwater, and then open. Leave fabric to soak for 20 minutes to 24 hours, then pull out carefully, squeezing the excess fluid off, gently and as near to the surface of the dye solution as possible. The fabric should then be spread out on a line and allowed to air for at least 20 minutes, before being reintroduced to the vat.

#### Some Fermentation Vat Recipes:

##### Recipe #1

8 ounces finely powdered indigo  
4 ounces wheat bran  
4 ounces madder  
1 ½ pounds soda ash (washing soda)  
4 gallons water

Put ingredients in a large pot or bucket, and keep at 30° C, stirring well, but gently each day until liquid is yellow-green and has a blue-copper scum on top.

##### Recipe #2

1 gallon urine (allowed to go stale)  
1 ounce indigo, powdered, in a fine mesh bag

Put mesh bag of indigo in vat with urine, and set vat in a warm place (in the sun, but protected from direct sunlight). Twice a day rub the bag between your fingers in the vat to help release powder from bag. When liquid turns greenish-yellow vat is ready to dye.

##### Recipe #3

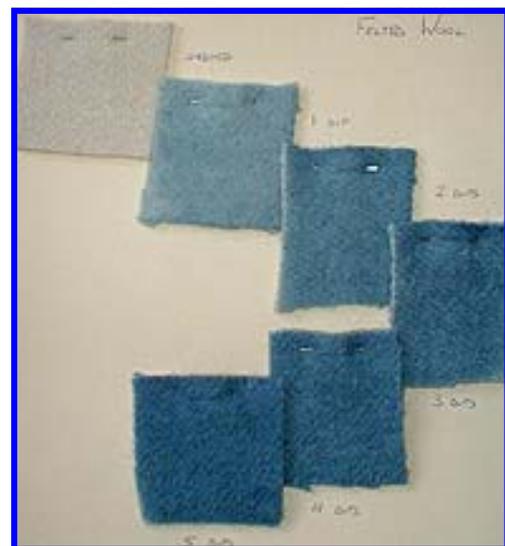
1 tablespoon yeast  
1 cup warm water  
1 rounded tablespoon sugar  
2 level tablespoons indigo powder  
½ cup non-sudsing ammonia

Combine yeast, water and sugar in a container and let stand in a warm place 2 hours. Mix indigo with ammonia and let stand 2 hours. Add indigo mix to yeast mix in a half-gallon container, fill to top with warm water and seal with a non-rigid seal (like saran wrap) and allow to stand several days. Vat is ready to when the liquid has turned yellow.

Note: some synthetic indigo dyes do not reduce properly in fermentation vats. It is recommended to always use natural indigo in fermentation vats.



woven wool samples dyed in indigo

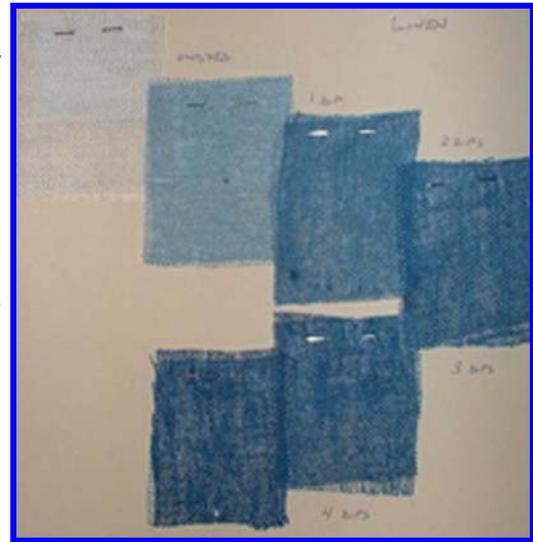


felted wool samples

### Chemical Vats

Chemical vats are a modern adaptation. A typical chemical vat uses caustic soda (lye) as a reducing agent, and sodium sulphite, (e.g. Thio-Urea Dioxide), or sodium hydrosulfite to provide the alkalinity. The chemical vat has a few advantages over traditional fermentation vats, not the least of which is the smell! A chemical vat requires only a few hours to become active, and can be allowed to cool when not in use and left unused for a considerable length of time. Warming and the addition of the reducing agent can easily reactivate it. Chemical vats can also be made much stronger than fermentation vats, allowing for much quicker build-up of colour.

This speed, ease and olfactory relief come at the price of end results, though. Lye can be extremely caustic and damaging to fibres, shrinking cellulose and eating protein fibres (and protein human skin cells). In the correct amounts needed for dyeing with indigo, it should neither shrink your cotton and linen, nor eat your wools and silks, though you do need to rinse them very thoroughly to prevent damage to the fibres.



linen samples dyed in indigo

Another problem is that while the first few dips in a chemical vat do create a deeper blue each time, after only a few the differences between dips become much less noticeable, as the thio-urea is a discharging (bleaching) agent and discharges the indigo the vat previously deposited. A true, even, and deep blue is very difficult to achieve. A very strong dye solution may give you a dark blue, but may result in a much less even, beautiful colour. Also, while a fermentation vat is used at its normal temperature, and thus is gentle on sensitive fibres like wool, the suitable temperature of a chemical vat for cellulose fibres is 90-100° F; the temperature for protein fibres is 120-130° F.

#### A Chemical Vat Recipe—Stock Solution:

1-1/2 Tsp lye (caustic soda), dissolved in hot water  
 Add 2-4 tsp finely ground indigo dye and stir for 2 minutes.  
 Add 1 tsp thiourea dioxide and stir for 1 minute.  
 Put a lid on the container, and place in a warm spot for 1 hour  
 Solution should change from opaque blue to translucent yellow-brown.

#### Preparing the Vat:

Put 5 gallons of hot water in a plastic bucket  
 Add 1/8 tsp of lye and stir until dissolved.  
 Add 1 tsp thiourea dioxide and stir until dissolved  
 Cover vat and allow it to reduce for 15 minutes  
 Carefully lower jar of stock solution into vat and pour out contents.  
 Stir gently and allow to reduce for 1 hour.

Possible substitutions from the grocery store: Lye may be replaced with 'washing soda' (in the laundry detergent aisle, and Thiourea Dioxide can be replaced with Rit Colour Remover.

**Safety:**

ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES!!! Fermentation vats contain bacterial agents, which may cause a reaction. Chemical vats contain caustic chemicals, which will eat your skin. I'm occasionally known as Brighid of the Blue Hands, because I have a bad habit of misplacing my gloves and sticking my hands into the vat un-gloved. On a few occasions, after dyeing for a fair while, I washed my hands only to discover the top layer of my fingernails PEELING OFF from the lye.

So don't do that.

An apron is a very good idea. Always dye outside, or in a well-ventilated area, as the chemical vat in particular causes harmful vapours when heated (the fermentation vat just smells really bad). Remember, you can wear a vapour mask. You can't put one on your cat. Trust me.

**Interesting Fact:**

Indican is a by-product of the indigo plant's metabolic process meant to resist insect attack, which gives indigo-dyed fabric a mild insect-repelling quality!

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**Brigiða Vadesbana (Brighid Anraith)**

# Sea Lion War

June 13-15, 2008

Barony of Lions Gate (Vancouver, BC)

Their Excellencies welcome you to the Barony of Lions Gate.

War clouds loom on the horizon, blades are being sharpened, and the sound of drums can be heard. It is time to do battle with our friendly neighbors from over the sea. The Barony of Seagirt must be defeated (if you're a Lions Gater, that is...). If you're a Seagirtian, of course you have another opinion.

## Site Info:

25133 0 Avenue Aldergrove, British Columbia (Donatello's farm)  
The site opens at 3:00 pm on Friday and closes at 5:00 pm Sunday.

For those gentles attending Lionsdale Champions at this site the weekend before, it is possible to leave your encampment up during the intervening week for a small fee.

**Directions from the north:** Take Highway 1 to 232nd exit, go south to 0 Avenue and turn east (left). Follow 0 Avenue to the Site.

**Directions from Pac Highway Border Crossing:** Take first right onto 1st Avenue which will take you to 0 Avenue, follow 0 Avenue to the Site.

**Directions from Lynden Border Crossing:** Take first left onto 0 Avenue and follow 0 Avenue to the Site.

**Site Fees:** (Canadian/American at par)

Non-Member surcharge of \$3.00 applies

Adult (19+): \$15.00

Youth (13-18): \$10.00

Age 12 & Under: Free

Family Cap: \$35

Family Cap: Max 2 Adults & all minor children "MUNDANE" family only

## Autocrats:

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- HL Arianna Freemont (Dawn Malin) [arianna\\_freemont@telu.snet](mailto:arianna_freemont@telu.snet) 18239 60th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V3S 1V7, 604-576-4351 or 604-789-2843 cell
- Merchants are most welcome; please contact HL Genevieve Barbota at [gryphonshold@shaw.ca](mailto:gryphonshold@shaw.ca)

# Swan's Birthday

June 20-22, 2008

Shire of Cragmere (Courtenay, BC)

Parkside Campground, in the Shire of Cragmere  
(6301 Gold River Highway, Campbell River -  
<http://www.parksidecampingrv.com/>)

Cragmere has been a full-status shire now for ten years, and we would like you to join us as we celebrate this milestone birthday!

The Swan's Birthday will be a full weekend of tournaments and contests in the arts and sciences in a lovely wooded campground. If that's not enough, maybe we can tempt you with a labyrinth and birthday cake, both made by Her Ladyship Meredith of the White Cliffs?

## Combat:

There will be rapier and armored combat tournaments. We hope to be able to offer archery, though that will depend on the presence of horses in the adjacent field. I will keep you posted!

## Contests:

All entries must have been made in the year prior to the event, and must not have won in previous competitions.

- **Trebuchet!** Trebuchets must be between 24" and 30" in height. Ammunition will be tennis balls. Points will be given for distance, accuracy, construction and documentation.
- **Trebuchet Ammunition!** Ammunition is to be the heads of your enemies! The base for these "heads" are tennis balls. Decorate them to look like the heads of your persona's enemies, watch them fly, and maybe even win a prize for the best head! Documentation not necessary.... or likely possible....
- **Pouch!** Create and document a pouch suited to your persona. (Or the persona of a friend). Points will be based on construction, materials (or suitable explanation for using alternate material, and knowledge of what \*should\* have been used), and documentation.
- **A Swan In Any Medium!** The title speaks for itself. This contest will be broken down into categories - Adult, Teen (13-18), and child (12 and under). Use your imagination, and have fun!

## Site Fees:

Adult - \$18  
12 to 18 years - \$15  
6 - 11 years - \$10  
Under 6 - Free

There are two toilet buildings, and free use of showers.

Pets MUST be leashed at all times. Please keep in mind that there is wildlife in the area.

**Swan's Birthday (continued)**  
**June 20-22, 2008****Shire of Cragmere (Courtenay, BC)**

The smoking area is uncovered (sorry!) but if someone wishes to bring a shelter for the comfort of smokers, it would be much appreciated I'm sure.

Camping will be on the first field. However, if you wish to camp in a tent site or an RV site, park management will be charging extra. They have reserved five tenting sites for us, but we can have more subject to availability.

**Tenting sites:**

\$5 extra each person. TENT SITES MUST BE RESERVED BY JUNE 6th!! You can reserve tent sites through the event steward.

**RV sites:**

RV sites will be either \$25.00 or \$28.00 per nite depending on size of unit and number of persons in their party. RV SITES MUST BE RESERVED BY JUNE 1st. Please make RV reservations through park managers - parkside@xplornet.com or 250-830-1428.

If you need access to electricity for medical reasons, please contact the park managers by June 1st to make a reservation in a suitable area.

**Site Information:**

Parkside Campground, in the Shire of Cragmere  
(6301 Gold River Highway, Campbell River -  
<http://www.parksidecampingrv.com/>

**Directions from the South:**

Take the Inland Island Highway north past the two Campbell River exits to the Gold River Highway Juncture. Turn left towards Gold River on Highway 28. The campsite is 5km further on, on the left.

**From Campbell River:**

Make your way to Campbellton on Highway 19A. Stay on the Highway past the bridges, towards Gold River. The campsite is on Highway 28 5km past the juncture of Highway 28 (Gold River) and Highway 19 (Port Hardy).

**Map:**

<http://www.parksidecampingrv.com/campbellrivermap.htm>

If you are coming from North of Campbell River, and need further information, please contact the event steward.

**Event Steward:**

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**Co-Steward:**

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# Forest War Reloaded #7

June 20-22, AS XLII (2008)

Shire of Coill Mhor (100 Mile House, BC)

Come one, come all (we prefer all). The Shire of Coill Mhor presents Forest War, Reloaded #7, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008. Our warriors need practice after the long freezing months, and are all busy thawing out their gambesons.

Help us prepare to defend our southern board. Come to our "grate forest" and test your mettle (or rattan) and witt (witt).

Once again we will descend upon the beautiful shores of Succour Lake to engage in the sport of Kings and to re-unite with old acquaintances.

## Activities will include:

Torchlight Tourney § Archery Battle § Fields Hills Battle § Forest Battle § Escort Battle § Heavy Street Battle  
Dancing § Bardic Tournament § Recitations § Brewing Competition § Best Encampment Competition  
Potluck Feast on Saturday § And much much more § Prizes and tokens galore!

## Site Fees:

\$15.00 plus \$3.00 MNS if applicable for adults

\$10.00 for youths 15 years and under

\$5.00 for the day

Cheques payable to "SCA Inc., The Shire of Coill Mhor"

## Site Info:

Site opens June 20 at 3pm and closes June 22 1pm. Succour Lake, 100 Mile House, BC, Canada, V0K 2Z0.  
Fresh water (Water is limited to drinking only). Porta potties available.

## Directions:

Make your best way to 100 Mile House BC. Travel north from 100 Mile House for 11 km, turn onto Hinkley rd (succour lk rd ) across from the 108 Heritage site.

Map available at [http://www.thehillshealthranch.com/images/Map\\_to\\_Succour\\_Lake.jpg](http://www.thehillshealthranch.com/images/Map_to_Succour_Lake.jpg)

Follow Hinkley rd till you get to the lake. about 7km.

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## Using the Dye

Indigo is a 'ring dye'; a dye that only penetrates the outer layers of a thread, leaving the core undyed. *Indi-*

# Avacal—Tir Righ War

June 27-29, AS XLII (2008)

Shire of Ramsgaard (Kamloops, BC)

In the northern principalities of An Tir, war has been declared!

Avacal and Tir Righ will meet upon the field of battle and bring great word-fame to Their lands!

Siege challenges for Arts & Sciences points § University classes § Youth challenges and activities  
Rapier scenarios § Tournaments § Parties!

Join us near beautiful Wells Gray Provincial Park in Clearwater BC—just over 7 hours from Edmonton, and less than 6 hours from Vancouver: the middle ground!

Merchants are welcome. Site rules and details will be posted shortly.

**Site fee:**

Adults \$18 (plus NMS \$3.00)

Youth (13-18 yrs.) \$10

Children 12 and under free.

Cheques can be made payable to "Shire of Ramsgaard"

**Pre Register**

First 25 adults to pre register get a FREE T SHIRT!

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**Site Info:**

Trophy Mountain Buffalo Ranch

on Clearwater Valley Road (no street address)

Box 1768 RR#1 Clearwater, British Columbia V0E 1N0 Canada

Tel: 250-674-3095 § E-mail: [info@buffaloranch.ca](mailto:info@buffaloranch.ca)

Cabins are available to rent directly from the site.

**Directions:**

Make your best way to Clearwater, BC. When you reach Clearwater, turn at the Clearwater Tourist Information Centre onto Clearwater Valley Road. Follow this road for 20 kilometers and you will find us on the left hand side of the road. The ranch is half-way between the town of Clearwater and the Wells Gray Park entrance.

Thanks!

Adwen Wrenn

Princess, Tir Righ

# Midsummer in the Hollow

June 27—29, AS XLIII (2008)

Shire of Appledore (Oliver, BC)

**Autocrat:** HL Keinna deSavage (Terry McClelland)

**Co Autocrat:** Lady Isabella of Wyndhaven

**Judging Coordinator:** Lord Sevrin de Savage

**Championship Coordinator:** Sayyid 'Abd al-Hakim al-Bahr ibn Da'ud al-Ghazis

As Spring heralds the joys of Summer, Appledore calls forth all good friends, present, past, and future to join us for Midsummer in the Hollow. This event will be the venue for the Appledore Championship, Scholars of St. Thomas Aquinas, and the annual Feast of Fellowship.

## Appledore's Championship

Appledore seeks an well rounded Champion. Candidates will be challenged to accumulate points by competing in all or some of a variety of contests. This year's theme is; The Siege!

For AS 43, the Appledore Championship Categories are determined to be:

- Bardic entry - A song or poem to lift spirits during the Siege, or perhaps a taunt to the barbarians at the gate?
- Science entry - can you prepare a dish for your Lord from the mean pickings of the almost bare larder?
- Art entry - is your dish a feast for the eyes as well as the palate?
- Archery - can you pick off the enemies half hidden in the wood?
- Armoured - how long can you defend the parapet against the barbarians scaling the wall?
- Rapier - how long can you hold the postern passage to keep invaders from the Gate house?

## Scholars of St. Thomas Aquinas

is a persona development challenge for male personas. The purpose of Scholars is to foster knowledge of the lives of men in the Middle Ages. Prospective candidates must enter 10 categories; 7 are required; Persona Creation, Calligraphy/Correspondence, Costuming, Daily life/Livelihood, Handcraft, Skills/Scholarly pursuits, and Courtesy & Etiquette. 3 of the Optional categories must be chosen; Dancing, Games & Pastimes, Bardic/Performance, Food, Habitat, Survival Techniques.

## Feast of Fellowship

Saturday night will see the annual Feast of Fellowship pot luck dinner, when Scholars candidates and Championship candidates will present their Bardic or Performance entries. All are welcome to entertain in the spirit of Fellowship.

Site opens at 2 PM on Friday, June 27, 2008 and closes at 4 PM on Sunday, June 29, 2008 This is a discreetly wet site.

## Site Fees

Member - \$12.00

Adult: Non-Member - \$15.00 (NMS is in effect)

Youth (6-17) - \$8.00

Under 6 - Free

Family Cap - \$40.00 + NMS if applicable

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**Midsummer in the Hollow (contd.)****Day Fees:**

Member - \$8.00

Adult Day: Non-member - \$11.00

Youth Day: \$5.00

Under 6 - Free

Family Cap Day: \$26.00 + NMS if applicable

Merchants are welcome at no additional charge.

**Site Information:**

Skunk Hollow has a feast hall and kitchen, plenty of grassy areas for camping, a fire pit, outhouses, and potable running water. Address: 34231 91A St., Oliver, BC.

**Directions:**

Make your way to Oliver on Highway 97. From the south, turn right at the first traffic light (south end of the mall, 346th St.) Stay on 346th through the big S curve as it goes past the RCMP station and new fire hall, then around the end of the airport. At the second right, turn right. Go straight along one side of the airport and through a 90 degree turn to the left. Just past the turn, slow down. You'll see a street sign and some SCA directional signs right in front of you. You MUST TRUST that there is a real road here, because there is. You just can't see it until you're already committed to it. Doing this will put you onto a very short but steep road. It's about a ten percent grade, but it's paved. Immediately at the bottom of the hill, turn right into the driveway. This is the site. Proceed between the two houses to the troll gate.

Yours in service,

HL Keinna de Savage

Autocrat - Midsummer in the Hollow



**Indigo dyed linen by Lady Brighid Anraith**

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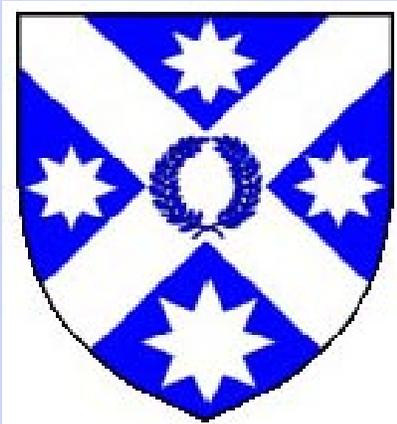
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- June 06-08 Lionsdale Champions' Tourney, Shire of Lionsdale (Abbotsford & Chilliwack, BC)  
 June 13-15 Sea Lion War, Barony of Lions Gate, Vancouver, BC (event in Langley, BC)  
 June 20-22 Swan's Birthday, Shire of Cragmere (Campbell River, BC)  
 June 20-22 Fields of Gold, Shire of Shire of Tir Bannog (Smithers, BC)  
 June 20-22 Forest War Reloaded #7, Shire of Coill Mhor (100 Mile House, BC)  
 June 27-29 Midsummer in the Hollow, Shire of Appledore (Oliver, BC)  
 June 27-29 Tir Righ -Avacal War, Shire of Ramsgaard (Kamloops, BC)
- July 11-13 The Stranded Mermaid, Shire of False Isle, Powell River, BC  
 July 11-13 Troll Stomp, Shire of Frozen Mountain, W. Kootenenays, BC  
 (event in Pass Creek Park near Castlegar, BC)  
 July 25-27 Sergeants, Yeomen, and Gallants Trials, Barony of Seagirt, Victoria, BC  
 July 25-27 Clinton Work Weekend
- Aug 01-04 Clinton War, Barony of Lions Gate, Vancouver, BC (event in Clinton, BC)  
 Aug 01-03 Ravens' War X, Shire of Ravensley, Port Alberni, BC  
 Aug 08-10 Armada, Shire of Cragmere, Campbell River, BC  
 Aug 15-17 Sergeantry Trials, Barony of Lions Gate, Vancouver, BC (event in Hatzic Lake, BC)  
 Aug 15-17 Seagirt Summer Tourney, Barony of Seagirt, Victoria, BC
- Sept 5-7 Warren War, Shire of Shittimwoode, Bellingham, WA (event in Ferndale, WA)  
 Sept 6-7 September Coronet, Lionsdale (Abbotsford – Chilliwack, BC)
- Oct 25-26 Fall University, Lionsdale (Abbotsford - Chilliwack, BC)



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