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## Seneschal

Greetings,

Wow! What a fantastic Lughnasad this year!! The weather gave us a break throughout the weekend and was downright pleasant during set up on Friday morning. Everything ran smoothly on Saturday, and tear down on Sunday was completed by 11:00 am. I was so impressed by everyone who helped to make our event run smoothly, and volunteered their time to help. Thank you so much to every single person who contributed. You are all VERY much appreciated! I had a great time this year and I hope that everyone else did as well. I am looking forward to the Lughnasad wind down party on September 6th. I hope to see you all there!

In case you missed the announcement at August populace meeting – HL Bice will be the new Exchequer for Loch Ruadh. Yay! Please take a moment to thank our outgoing Exchequer Lady Antonia for all of her hard work and time during her tenure in this office. She did a great job! Thanks Antonia!

Also, Gruffydd will be continuing as our Archery Marshall. Yay! So, please take a moment to thank him for his continued service to the Shire. He has done a great job in the past! I am sure he will continue to do so during his next term as Archery Marshall. Thanks Gruffydd!

In Service,

Lady Brighid

## Chronicler

Greetings Loch Ruadh!

Special thanks to Vivian and Dad for providing the photographs for this issue. If you were unable to attend any of these events, you really missed out! I hope all of you enjoy the pictures.

In Service,  
Floria Blackdragon

## Archery

Our annual Lughnasad event was great this year. We had 8 children and 16 adult archers participate. For the children, we had the traditional dragon slaying with one exception. Two dragons showed up this year and we divided the slayer by age into two teams. The first team were the 0 - 10 year olds and the second were 11 to 16. I'm not sure if that was a good idea or not. Instead of having one Wolfe child win, this year we had two. Michael Wolfe won the younger children's event and Wolfguard slew the dragon in the older division for the fourth year in a row.

We had 16 adults participate in the dueling archers event. The Archers were paired and went one on one. The first to hit the heart won that duel. Each archer had of resurrection. After being killed twice an archer was eliminated. The event continued until all archer, save one, had two deaths. The surviving archer was Jock de Spinks.

Due to my own increasing family, we picked up one adult and two children archers for Loch Ruadh. My new wife Marion Fay Holms and our two grandchildren Nathan and Christopher. Unfortunately Marion's daughter has gone to the dark side and decided to try her hand at heavy fighting.

Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri,  
Archery Marshal, Loch Ruadh

## Exchequer

Greetings Loch Ruadh,

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Gwen for her work as Gate coordinator at Lughnasad. She has an awesome talent with numbers and it was a pleasure to work with her. Although we lost a little financially, we gained so much more in friendship and fun. I would also like to thank everyone who served at gate, especially those that worked more than one shift. And Polydore, the blueberries were yummy.

Alas, my tenure as exchequer is at an end. I would like to thank Caerrell for taking over when needed as ER deputy, which this past year had too many emergencies for me. Of course, I need to thank my successor Bice for bidding on this position. She is an experienced exchequer and will do wonderful job.

In service, Antonia Visconti

# Chamberlain

From your Chamberlain,

Wow, what a wonderful Lughnasad!!

Load out day for Lughnasad was a very hot (107 degrees), sunny and humid day. I was very pleased when 15 pairs of willing hands showed up and sorted, toted and loaded the Lughnasad equipment onto the trailers while I stood (mainly in the shade) with my trusty pen and made little check marks on an inventory sheet.

I want to thank those good gentles that loaned the Shire any equipment for our event and I trust all was returned as promised.

My old, tired and worn out body just could not make it to the shed on Sunday to unload the equipment. Vivian has no idea how much I appreciated her offer to step in and take my place (I think I just might have a deputy, but lets keep that a secret from her for now). She did a fantastic job!! VIVAT-Vivian!! And I can't forget to thank the auto-crat, Terrence for saying "Yes, Dana, go home!!" and Gwenllian for loading my body in her car and taking me home.

To the tear down crew.... I hope I have not missed any of the busy bees I saw on Sunday morning, you guys and girls are the best!! Please give these people a huge thank you and a hearty pat on the back. They ARE the backbone of our group, always there until the job is finished. Aingeal, Alric, Antonia, Brighid, Caerell, Catrin, Dunstan, Elmer, Eoghan, Gwenllian, Janie, Jock, Padraig, Polydore, Rolf, Seanan, Sybil, Terrence, Thomas and Vivian!!

More personal thanks to Lynda-Jo for cleaning and packing the waterbearing tub - everything neat, clean and dry, Catrin, Antonia and any others I didn't see for taking care of and packing the equipment in the Royal Pavilion and Janie and her helpful feast crew (Floria, Thomas, Rose, Catrin and anyone I missed) for a fantastic job on cleaning up after feast - the left over food cooler did not require the addition of more ice on Sunday, dirty feast dishes were tied up in a clean trash bag for easy and non-messy removal and everything in the feast tub was clean and dry.

When I finally made it over to the storage shed I found everything put back very neat and orderly. I also noticed a new green storage tub with a new water hose and a new hose for the misty forest, thank you John (Wolfie) and Grainne.

If I have forgotten anyone or any deed that should have

been recognized and/or thanked please let me know. I have slept since our event and my memory just isn't as good as it used to be.

I remain in service to the Shire of Loch Ruadh because Loch Ruadh ROCKS!!!

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## Minister of Arts & Sciences

From your Minister of Arts and Sciences

I would like to thank all those that helped at the A&S table at Lughnasad, our judges for the A&S competition, and especially to Lady Caitrin and Mistress Caterina that took over when Honorable Lady Bice' was unable to attend.

We had an even better showing in our A&S competition than we did last year, with twelve entries to our OOPs competition, eight to our traditional adult A&S, and 2 entries to our children's A&S. Our winners were:

Adult A&S Judges Choice-HL Annabelle Fitzsimmons for her blackwork chemise.

Adult Populace Choice-Anika der Grat for her chain maille.

OOPs Judges Choice-Lady Stephanie Lilburn for her single beam woodworking guage.

OOPs Populace Choice-Meryan der Grat for her mug covers.

Childrens A&S-Wolfhart der Grat for his Irish gillies shoes.

I not only wish to congratulate our winners, but also wish to recognize our own members for their entries, two of which received the majority of the rest of the populace votes.

Thank you as well to everyone that helped with the site tokens for Lughnasad!

Please be alert for reminders about our ongoing Scribes and Illuminators and Needleworkers meetings, and as usual, don't hesitate to contact me with any problems or suggestions on A&S subjects.

Lord Terrance adte Syke

# Lughnasad

August 8-10



## Congratulations!

- Chantel von Sirre - Award of Arms
- Floria Blackdragon - Award of Arms
- Thomas the Grey - Award of Arms
- Lady Vivian McKinnon - Sable Comet
- Lord Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri - Sable Comet
- Lord Terrence adte Syke - Sable Thistle for Metal Casting
- Lord Conor na Mara - Ember of Loch Ruadh
- Honorable Lady Aingeal Mac an Ghabhann - Seneschal's Appreciation Award

# Lord Padraig's Annual Wake

July 5



# Kingdom Calendar

## September

- 5-7 Gate's Edge Fall Event - Gate's Edge  
(N Houston, TX)
- 12-14 Laurel's Prize - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)  
Jagermeister - Ffynnon Gath  
(San Marcos, TX)
- 19-21 Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort  
(Huntsville, TX)  
Mooneschadowe Triumphe of the Eclipse  
Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 26-18 Elfsea Defender XXVI - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)

## October

- 3-5 Battle of Three Kings XIV - Send in the  
Khans - Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)
- 10-12 Namron Protectorate - Namron (Norman , OK)  
Tourney by the Loch - Loch Soilleir  
(Clear Lake, TX)
- 17-19 Ursae-Lyons - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)  
Battle of the Pines - Graywood (Lufkin, TX )
- 24-26 Samhain Celebration - Eldern  
Hills (Lawton/Ft. Sills, OK)  
Seawinds Defender - Seawinds (Corpus  
Christi, TX)  
Central Regional Academy of the Rapier -  
Rosenfeld and Dragonsfire Tor (Tyler, TX)
- 31-2 Bryn Gwlad Baronial - Bryn Gwlad  
(Austin, TX)

## November

- 31-2 Bryn Gwlad Baronial - Bryn Gwlad  
(Austin, TX)
- 7-9 Coronation - Steppes (Dallas, TX)
- 14-16 Queen's Champion TBA  
Axeman V - Skorragnar (Shawnee, OK)
- 20-23 Autumn Melees/King's Champion  
Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
- 20-23 Fair of the Harvest - Chemin Noir  
(Bartlesville, OK)
- 28-30 Thanksgiving Weekend

## December

- 5-7 Stargate Yule - Stargate (Houston, TX)  
Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel -  
Wiesenfeuer (OKC, OK)
- 12-14 Crimson Tower Yule Revel - Blacklake  
(Midland/Odessa, TX)  
Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel - Dragonsfire Tor  
(Stephenville, TX)  
Loch Solleir Yule Revel (Clear Lake TX)
- 19-21
- 26-28

# Events in Loch Ruadh

## September

- Wed 3 - Populace Meeting  
IHOP on Quebec 8 pm
- Sat 6 - Lughnasad Post Revel 4 pm  
HL Aingeal and Laird Caerell's
- Sun 7 - Fighter Practice  
Z Boaz Park 10 am  
Archery Practice Dutch Branch Park 2 pm
- Tues 9 - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm  
Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

Mon 15 - Scribes & Illuminators 7 pm  
HL Aingeal and Laird Caerell's

Tues 16 - Fighter Practice 7 pm  
Lord Padraig's

Wed 17 - Officer's Meeting 8 pm  
IHOP on Alta Mesa

Sun 21 - Archery Practice  
Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

Mon 21 - Scribes & Illuminators 7 pm  
HL Aingeal and Laird Caerell's

Tues 23 - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm  
Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

Sat 27 - Bardic - Elfsea Defender

## October

Wed 1 - Populace Meeting  
IHOP on Quebec 8 pm

Sun 7 - Fighter Practice Z Boaz Park 10 am  
Archery Practice Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

Tues 14 - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm  
Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

Wed 15 - Officer's Meeting 8 pm  
IHOP on Alta Mesa

Sun 21 - Archery Practice  
Dutch Branch Park 2 pm

Sat 25 - Bardic 8 pm  
Lord Tegward & Lady Catrin's

Tues 28 - Needleworkers Guild Meeting 7 pm  
Mistress Caterina Fregoso's

## Loch Ruadh's Meeting Places

**Archery Practice**  
Park Road  
Dutch Branch Park  
Benbrook, TX 76126

**Fighter Practice**  
Z Boaz Park  
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Benbrook, TX 76126

**Mistress**  
**Caterina Fregoso**  
4341 Meadowknoll  
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**Populace Meeting**  
IHOP  
5920 Quebec Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76135

**Officer's Meeting**  
IHOP  
3700 Alta Mesa  
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