



Greeting Artisans of Skorragadr,

My name is Zarya Svan Hlifa (Samantha Little) and I am Skorragadr's new minister of arts and science. As such I wanted to introduce myself to all of the amazing artisans that reside in our canton. I know that at times it is difficult to gather and not everyone is able to attend the monthly populace. So with that in mind I would like to publish my first issue of the Foegir News.

Throughout history Vikings have traditionally been portrayed as brutish barbarians with little to no sophistication. To some extent they might have been, but in recent years archeologist have discovered that there was so much more to these wild Norse men. Not only were they skilled warriors and seamen but they were also talented craftsmen and tradesman. Their skills of delicate art present a striking contrast with the stereotype of the rude and restless barbarian. Viking craftsmen excelled in woodwork, metalwork, and textile arts. They adorned brooches, weapons, implements, and ship timbers with abstracted animal forms and elaborate patterns of interlace. Their skills are found in runic texts and complementary scenes which were inscribed on stones and rock faces. The Viking had a love of riddling phrases and schemes of rhyme yielded a rich poetic tradition, and tales of mythic events and heroic deeds as well as historical episodes. Much like the Viking of old our Canton is filled with artisans of many calibers and talents, and with a Viking spirit they are passionate and creative, and I would love to hear from each and every one of you. If you are working on a project and would like to show it off, have an idea for an upcoming group project, event, or by chance are interested in teaching others a skill please feel free to contact me at [moas@skorragadr.ansteorra.org](mailto:moas@skorragadr.ansteorra.org).

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Arts and Science Minister



#### **FROM THE POPULACE**

##### **Axeman XI**

At this month's populace meeting quite a number of things were discussed and announced. In particular a topic of interest was the upcoming Axeman event. As all know in our Canton this is the largest event that we host throughout the year. It has been made officialy known that Lord Allon McBaine and Lord Hugo De Stonham will be the autocrats for the event. At this time no official meeting have been held, but many topic of interest have been brought forth. From our Seneschal it has been requested that all who are able donate prizes for this events. An idea that is being considered is that at this year's event the prizes will consist of a Viking style bag with handmade "goodies" inside. Her ladyship request that all prize donations be as much in the Viking theme as possible.

Along with prizes artisans of our canton have been asked to participate in a possible paint party (date to be announced soon.) This event will more than likely be held on a Sunday at the Shawnee Library. At that time we will gather in merriment to paint invitations for Axeman so that we might be able to encourage our brethren from distant land to join us in our event. If you are interested in participating in this activity keep an eye on the local Skorrageadr Facebook page as dates will be posted as soon as possible.

##### **Laurel's Prize Tourney**

#### ***Calendar of Event***

*Aug1-9<sup>th</sup>*

*Pennsic- Out of Kingdom*

*Aug 14-16*

*Steppes Artisan-Dallas, Tx.*

*Aug21-23*

*Eldern Baronial & Royal Huntsman-Lake*

*Kickapoo, Tx*

*Naga Festival*

*Aug 28-30*

*Artistan - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)*

*Sep4-6*

*Known World Metal & Glass Symposium*

*Sept11-13*

*Laurel's Prize Tourney-Duncan, Ok*

*Sep18-20*

*Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort*

*Huntsville, TX*

*Mooneschadowe-Stillwater, OK*

*Sep25-27*

*Ye Old Garage Sale- Shawne. OK*

*Loch Ruadh Fall Event - Loch Ruadh*

*War of Ages - Fynnon Gath*

*For more information on all events check*

*out the kingdom calendar at*

*<http://calendar.ansteorra.org>*

Artisans of our canton are busy in preparations for the upcoming Laurel's Prize Tourney. This is an event that is not to be missed. At populace Lady Beatrix Alfraye announced that the prize tourney is a body of work tournament. It is an opportunity to show your artist talents and skills. If you wish to display an item for the event all entries must be submitted by September the 4<sup>th</sup>. Artisans may register space the day of the event, but space is limited to "first come first served" if there is any remaining space at all. If you do wish to reserve your space early it is requested that the following information be submitted to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, Mistress Beatrix Alfray at: [moas@ansteorra.org](mailto:moas@ansteorra.org)

Information should include:

Artisan's SCA name | Artisan's modern name | Contact Email and/or Phone #

Table space requested\* Table sizes are approximately 6ft. Please only request the amount of space that you will actually need. A brief description of Art Forms to be displayed. Also if you have any special need such as electricity, wall space, space for dress dummies, near window, etc.

### **Fighting Arts**

At this time any official chivalric fighting arts have temporarily been postponed with in the canton.

According to our marshal Lord Hugo De Stonham with the weather heating up it might not be safe for individuals to be out in armor. However he does incorage all who are able to travel to Namron for there Wednesday practices.

Our youth chivalric is still in full force as LadyMuireen Cheithnag now has her required paper work and is the official youth marshal for Namron.

### **Kingdom Dues**

At populace Sir Wilhelm von Buch reminded us that Kingdom dues are coming up. As of right now Sir Wilhelm has graciously donated mead to the cause but we are still in need of woven materials. The dimensions for the material are four yards at one inch wide, and the pattern is at the artist discretion. If you are willing to donate your time and the above mentioned item please contact either Sir Wilhelm or myself.

### **Leather and Lace**

Last but not least we have this month's leather and lace. For this months function we have a fun activity planed. With so many new individuals in need of garb we will be hosting a pattern night. At this month's meeting anyone who needs assistance in measurements, pattern making, garb research, or body molding we will be there to help you. With so many upcoming events we want to make sure that everyon is comfortable in there garb. Also if you have garb started and just need a bit of help you are more than welcome to bring.

At this time the date for leather and lace is unknown. But as always keep an eye on our local Facebook page as dates and event will be posted as soon as they become available. If you need help with garb or have a question before leather and lace all are welcome to contact me at [moas@skorragardr.ansteorra.org](mailto:moas@skorragardr.ansteorra.org).



### ***Short Fact***

*Vikings were known for their excellent hygiene. Between rowing boats and decapitating enemies, Viking men must have stunk to high Valhalla, right? Quite the opposite. Excavations of Viking sites have turned up tweezers, razors, combs and ear cleaners made from animal bones and antlers. Vikings also bathed at least once a week—much more frequently than other Europeans of their day—and enjoyed dips in natural hot springs.*

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