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Our Baronage and Officers



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Black Diamond Baronial Champions

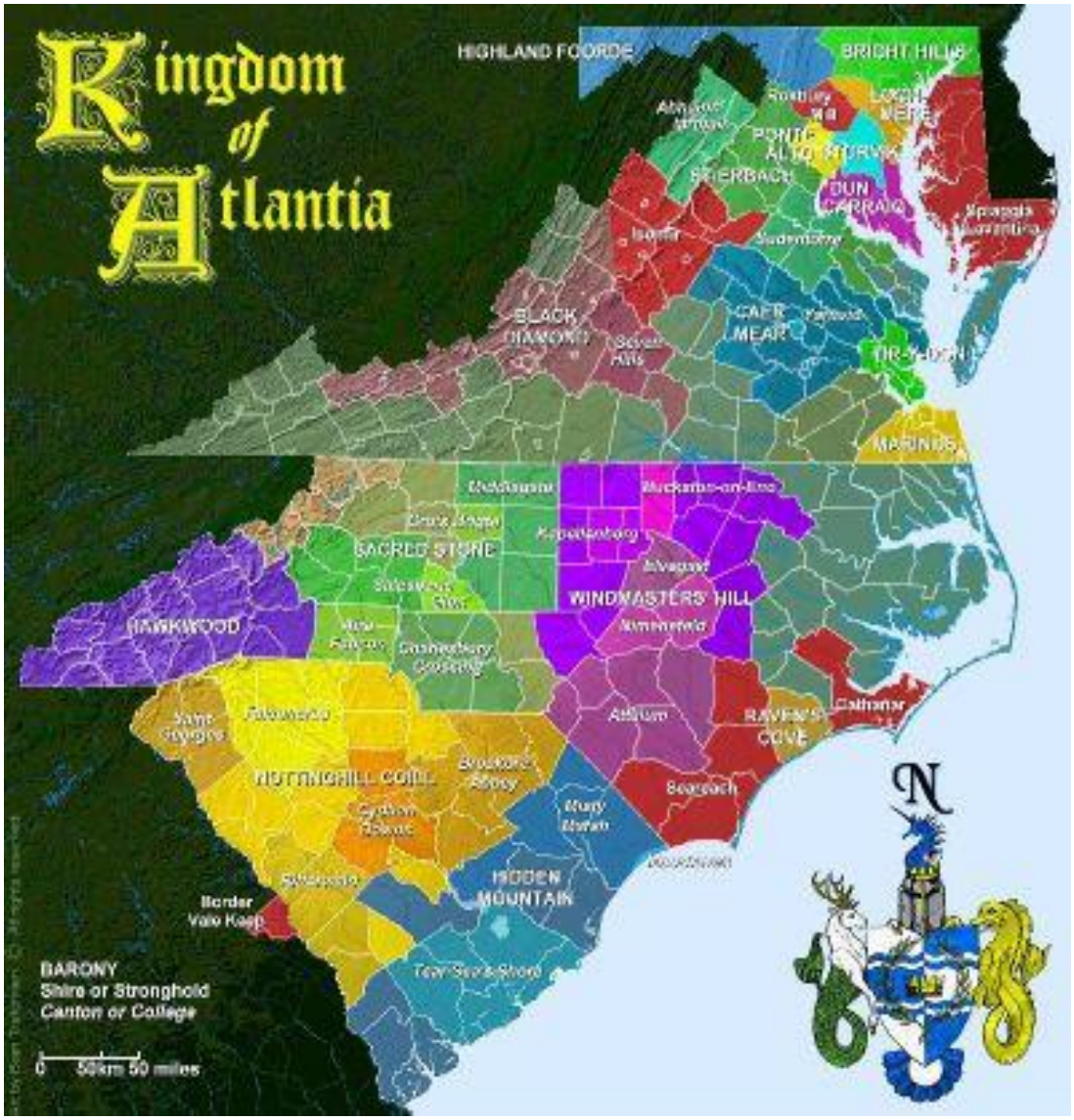
Archery Champions: Jason of Black Diamond *and* Darwin of Black Diamond

Armored Combat Champion: Theo of MightRinwood

Rapier Combat Champion: Caillan Ruffio

Arts & Sciences Champion: *TBD*

Bardic Champion: *TBD*



Announcements

In Search of...Baronial Officers!

Have you ever thought about holding an office for your Barony? The Barony is currently looking for a Chatelaine, Social Media Officer and deputy officers. Do you have any questions about what the offices entails? Please let us know! We will be happy to answer your questions!

Regular Baronial Events

Roanoke: Thursday nights from 6-9 pm. Fighting, A&S, and time to hang out and chat. Now at our indoor winter location: Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Roanoke, VA

Dublin: Temporarily on hold; they are currently looking for a new location. Suggestions for a new location would be welcome. Please send suggestions to the Seneschal.

Canton of Seven Hills/Lynchburg: Monday nights from 6-10pm. Fighting, archery, and A&S. Please contact Julie Foster (on the Seven Hills Facebook group) for the address.

Upcoming Baronial Events

01-23 - 01-23 : Ice Castles :*Lynchburg VA (Black Diamond)*

Upcoming Kingdom Events

September - 2026

09-25 - 09-27 : Stierbach Birthday XXVIII :*Culpepper VA (Stierbach)* (Q K Pr P)
09-25 - 09-27 : Trial by Fire- Arts, Food and Fighting! :*Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills)*
09-26 - 09-26 : CANCELED: Tournament of Silver Chalice :*Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain)*

October - 2026

10-02 - 10-04 : Coronation of Ragnarr and Jân :*Nanjemoy, MD (Dun Carraig)* (Q K Pr P)
10-13 - 10-18 : War of the Wings 2026: The Anarchy: Stephen vs Matilda :*Harmony NC (Atlantia)* (Q K)
10-23 - 10-25 : Battle on the Bay :*Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik)* (Q K)
10-24 - 10-25 : Harvest Market :*Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)*
10-30 - 11-01 : Cotehardies, Coffyns & Hoods, Oh My! Baronial Investiture :*Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig)* (Q K)

November - 2026

11-06 - 11-08 : Fall Crown Tournament :*Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don)* (Q K Pr P)
11-13 - 11-15 : Highland Havoc :*Ijamsville MD (Highland Foorde)*
11-20 - 11-22 : Fall Fighting Frenzy & Feast :*Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain)*
11-21 - 11-21 : Holiday Faire 2026: Blodmonath :*Fredericksburg VA (Stierbach)* (Q K)
11-21 - 11-21 : Martinmas :*Satesville NC (Salesberie Glen)*

December - 2026

12-05 - 12-05 : Unevent 2026 (TBD) : *(Atlantia)* (Q K)
12-11 - 12-13 : Yule Toy Tourney :*Pickens SC (Nottinghill Coill)* (Q K).

From the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild: Meet Finn the Swede, your new Warden of the North

To the good people of northern Atlantia, greetings! My name is Lord Finn Lachlannach Ui'Domnaill, more commonly known as Finn the Swede, and I want to introduce myself as the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild's new Warden of the North. I am here to help the people of northern Atlantia learn more about the forestry guild and how to get involved. I am also here to help all Foresters of the North share information, improve skills, gain rank, participate in forestry activities, and establish local branches of the guild in your Barony, Canton, or Shire. Please reach out to me at any time if you have questions or need help with membership or rank requirements.

What is the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild?

If you have been to the forestry guild website, you already know that the guild is, "...devoted to research, recreation and education of forestry and outdoors skills regarding no trace camping,protecting the green spaces, self-reliance, wood craft, camp craft, bush craft, overland travel, inland water travel, outdoor cooking, survival, and other outdoor and primitive skills all in period fashion."

What does all that mean?

It means that if there is any aspect of the outdoors that you enjoy, you can explore it in the guild. It might not even require spending time outdoors if you don't want to or are unable to. You can learn and teach outdoor related arts and science projects and skills, or take pleasant and leisurely trail saunters in garb, or practice survival skills in the wilderness on challenging treks, and absolutely everything in between. The guild will help you access the green spaces on terms that work for you and your persona.

How do I get Involved?

You can submit a membership application through the guild's website. You can also join the guild's Discord and Facebook communities. We will have quarterly (seasonal) Northern Moots where we can conduct guild business, welcome new members, share knowledge, and demonstrate skills. For those interested in primitive backpacking, we will conduct four treks in 2027 that will progress from novice-level in the Spring to expert level in the Fall.

Northern Atlantia Forestry Activities 2026-2027**

13-15 November 2026 Northern Autumnmoot at Highland Havoc (Ijamsville, MD): See Kingdom Calendar for event details. Teach classes, take classes, demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank. **16 January 2027 Northern Wintermoot, Backpacking Basics (Annandale VA):** Learn the basic requirements of modern and primitive backpacking. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

20-21 March 2027 Beginner Backpacking Trip (Charlottesville, VA): Three Ridges Wilderness @3 miles, easy trail 350' gain. Introduction to primitive backpacking dip your toes to see if you might like it. Modern gear welcome. Period garb encouraged.

10-11 April 2027 Northern Springmoot (Reston, VA): Drive in camping at Lake Fairfax Park campground. Classes and communal cooking/feast/music. Come to share knowledge, skills, food, and song. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank. [$10 site fee]

21-22 May 2027 Intermediate Backpacking Trip (Culpeper, VA): Shenandoah Wilderness @7 miles, moderate trail 1750' gain—all of it in the first two miles. Hone your primitive backpacking skills and cardiovascular fitness. Test new period kit. Modern gear welcome. Period garb encouraged.

17-20 June 2027 Northern Summermoot at LEAFS (Croom, MD): See Kingdom Calendar for event details. Teach classes, take classes, demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

10-11 July 2027 Advanced Backpacking Trip (Staunton, VA): Ramsey's Draft Wilderness @15 miles, moderate trail 1750' gain. Test your primitive backpacking skills and kit. Period gear encouraged. Period garb required (modern footwear OK). [Optional camping near

trailhead Friday 9 July].

4-6 September 2027 Expert Backpacking Trip 2 NIGHTS (Wardensville, WV): Tuscarora Trail @8.5 miles, difficult trail 1600' gain. Put it all together. Test the limits of your skills, kit, and endurance. Period gear encouraged. Period garb required (modern footwear OK). [Optional camping near trailhead Friday 3 September].

9-10 October 2027 Northern Autumnmoot (Staunton, VA): Drive-in camping in North River primitive camping area. Come to share knowledge, skills, food, and song. Demonstrate your forestry skills to gain rank.

**If you would like to host a quarterly Northern Moot or other guild activity, please contact me at scarey161@gmail.com.



September Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Baronial business meeting

Called to order at 8:06

Attendees:
Yuri Murasaki and Agatha la Sommeliere - Baronesses
Þóra Hrafnsdóttir (Thora) – Seneschal
Tasmin de Boernherd - Arts & Science
Isabetta Seraphina di Petrillo - Chronicler/Herald
Juliana Greene
Kari - Asta
Randy
Brittany
Galiena
Maesie
Kim Lewis - Ellespeth

Baronage - Baronesses Yuri Murasaki and Agatha la Sommeliere
A lot of the Barony's regalia has gone missing or was not part of the things that were given to us when they switched over. It has been over a year since they stepped up and Yuri has some ideas for some new regalia and she's hoping that in a week or so she can put out a list and would like to see if some of the local artisans would be willing to work on these. The barony has funds and may be able to compensate people if they work on things. It just seems that with every baronage that things seem to rotate and/or not get passed on and she would like to be able to pass things down and hopefully in a week or so she will have a list of what is needed. Yuri would like to have this done by Ice Castles. Brittany asked what does the barony need? Things will be on the list and then people can choose or make other suggestionsl. herald regalia?

Agatha - lots of things since Assessment. They might go to Stierbach baronial, university, WoW, fall crown, harvest market in culpepper and Holiday faire, unevent, went to borders without walls. Someone is interested in baronial chatelaine. Tasmin will be stepping down and will need someone to replace her. We need someone for social media deputy.

Seneschal -Þóra - her warrant has been taken care of. New River Valley practice is still happening and she will be there once a month. Practice is happening at the library in Dublin.

October meeting is during WoW. The meeting will be moved to October 21.

Chronicler - Seraphina - July newsletter was published. If anyone has any pictures, art work, recipes, stories or poems that they would like published please send them to me. A map of the barony must be published in the newsletter.

Arts & Science- Tasmin - filed the moas report to the kingdom, report on king's assessment where they had dance at practice and work that other people are doing. . She is stepping down in 2028. If anyone would like to be her deputy until she steps down that would help with transition.

Exchequer report - $20,689.72 includes all deposits from king's assessment, quartermaster is $604.17 archery $100.00 outstanding checks $2495.58 available funds $17,488.97

Quartermaster - Aldemere - things going good, getting a handle on equipment and gear. Regarding regalia, embroidered sashes - one for each champion.

Herald - Seraphina - I did consultations for a few people.

Chatelaine -someone is thinking of taking over, I want her to think about it and not get shoved into the position. I would be the chatelaine on paper but will be acting as deputy until she actually takes over. This all depends on if she takes the position or not. Two demos in august, in Roanoke Brewery the following weekend was at wolf wood there were about 12 - 14 people showing up at practice. Has had a few people reach out about winter garb for university. Gold Key is low on larger sizes for people to wear.they need both mens and womens garb. Another demo the end of October 10/21 and 11/1 at a winery **Beliveau Farm**

Old business

New River Valley is still happening, let Thora know what you're interested in so she can bring stuff.

Fall university - everything coming together nicely. very large list of classes on Saturday.

Maesie - potential for a travel fund for the barony. Would this be a possibility? Can it be considered to implement this? This is for the baronage only.

Check with the kingdom exchequer and see if there;s any precedent for this and how to do it.

A vote was taken to see if there is interest in this. Motion passed and Maesie will reach out to higher ups about it.

Maesie - Charlie wants to mention that ice castles would like someone that knows about Japanese a&s to see if they would be interested in teaching a class. Does anyone have the authorization to do youth activities?

Motion to close, seconded. meeting over @ 9:31

Canton of Seven Hills

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September Canton Business Meeting Minutes

Call to order