

The Barony of Wintermist
presents

TALES FROM THE MIST



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We are filled with immense joy following such a successful quarter in Wintermist. May brought us Wintermist Anniversary where we were able to celebrate Fabia and Ajax as they stepped down, and we received the honor of stepping up as Baron and Baroness.

As we look forward to the next few years, we are excited to continue to grow and support this community. Our goal is to ensure that Wintermistians experience the SCA of their dreams. Whether you are an artisan, a combatant, a service driven member, or you are just here for the ride, our goal is to help create opportunity for all and to ensure that Wintermist is a welcoming environment to for everyone.

We want to thank our Court and Guard for their support over the past few months. We are extremely grateful for all the well wishes, guidance, and blessings we have received.

Over the next couple months, we are looking forward to Kingdom events such as coronation and the various Baronial Anniversaries. We are especially stoked for Wintermist Art Revival on Saturday July 26th. 2025.

We are so excited to see artisans and to spark up conversation on different crafts. Our community is rich with a variety of artists and this event really showcases that (for more information on the event, please check out the event page .) We are so humbled to be able to serve this Barony and its populace. Let us know how we can make your SCA experience better.

In service to the dream,

THL Alphonsus Balthasar Von Hamer
Lady Sherlin Goldhammer



*From the Baron
and Baroness*

Upcoming Events

Coronation

July 12th 2025 First United Methodist Church
1338 E Santa Clara St, Ventura, CA 93003

On Saturday, July 12, 2025, A.S. LX, the Shire of Darach invites the populace of Caid and all the Known World to celebrate the final court of Their Royal Majesties, Valentine and Brocc, and the ascension of Their Royal Highnesses, Bjorn and Roisin, to the Dolphin Thrones of Caid. Come enjoy the pageantry of the day, as Caid brings its festive splendor to mark the closing of one reign and the beginning of a new reign! There will be a Royal Feast as a fitting close to the day.

Wintermist Art Revival

July 26th 2025 Redeemer Church 2525 Belle Terrace Bakersfield, CA
Once again the Barony of Wintermist presents... W.A.R.!!! Aka Wintermist Art Revival.

Mark your calendars for a day of art appreciation and sharing. Come bring your projects, questions, problems, and knowledge to share with other artisans. There is a kitchen so if anyone wants to demonstrate cooking techniques or brewing, have at it! If you are interested in teaching or demonstrating an artform, let the event steward know so she can schedule the kitchen or certain spaces to provide equal time. Let's appreciate art together!

Baronial Potluck

August 3rd 10am

Baron Alphonsus and Baroness Shego invite the populace to their home for a backyard practice, Arts and Sciences, and grub! Bring a dish, bring some art, bring yourself, bring friends! All are welcome!

For the address, please reach out to Alphonsus or Shego via Facebook Messenger, Discord, or Email.

Monthly Baronial Events

Fighter Practice

Every Thursday @7pm
6221 Norris Rd, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Join us in the park for fighter practice! Practice your skills and prepare for honor in tournaments, glory on the battlefield, or the triumph of hanging with old and new friends.

Target Archery Practice

Second Sunday of the Month @ 11am-2pm
(No Practice on Sunday July 13th due to Consort's Champion)
5535 Shadow Hills Dr Bakersfield, CA 93308

Join us for Target Archery Practice! Hit some targets, learn new techniques, and join us for a day of fun!

Baronial Meeting

Every Second Wednesday @ 7pm
Rusty's Pizza 1500 Wible Rd, Bakersfield, CA 93304

Join us for a meeting where we get to talk about all the behind the scenes work we do to keep the society moving forward. We talk about future events, items of business, and hear from every Baronial officer!

Arts and Sciences Nights

Every Second Monday @7pm
The Ogre House

Every Fourth Wednesday@7pm
The Archery House

Join us for a get together where we work on our crafts! Weaving, painting, sewing, needlework, wood work, metal work, and more! Bring what you are working on or learn from another member of our community!

For more information on these events, find us on FB or join our Discord Server

New to the SCA?

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an inclusive community pursuing research and re-creation of pre-seventeenth century skills, arts, combat and culture. The lives of participants are enriched as we gain knowledge of history through activities, demonstrations, and events.

The Barony of Wintermist is a local chapter of this Kingdom!

If you have any questions about our Barony, please email
chatelaine.officer@wintermist.sca-caid.org

Join our Discord Server



Link Tree



Hello Wintermist!

We have an A&S Champion! Lord Ivarr Mjoksiglandi won the year-long competition with his continual and consistent entry of leather-worked art. Also, thank you Lord Ivarr for the donation of voting cups for future A&S competitions.

As we now have a new Baronage, the A&S gatherings have changed to give them space and allow them a less-stressful schedule. To that end, the A&S gatherings are now as follows: the 2nd Monday of the month at the Ogre House, and the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Archery House (house name still to be determined, but this works for now). As usual, we plan to meet in the evenings from 7pm to about 9pm. I hope you bring your projects and questions and get some crafting done!

Finally, if you have any Arts or Science that you are interested in and are not sure how to approach, please reach out to me! I may know something about it, or know someone who does who can get you started. You can also bring those questions to the Wintermis Art Revival on July 26th. So happy crafting and I look forward to seeing your projects!

For the Dream,
Baroness Finna the Weaver



Arts &
Sciences

The Uncut Block and the Unstarted Thread

There is a special kind of fear that lives in the space between inspiration and action. It is the fear of the unstarted project the pristine idea that glows with imagined perfection, unmarred by flawed stitches or uncertain brush strokes.

For me, the most difficult part of any new endeavor is simply beginning. I imagine the finished pieces scroll so finely wrought it would make a Laurel weep, a garment so true to period that it hums with history, or a poem that stirs the heart like an ancient tale. And then I freeze.

This hesitation is not laziness, nor is it a lack of desire. It is, I think, a reverence for the potential the sacredness of the uncut block, as the Taoists would say. Before the first mark is made, the project is everything it could be. Infinite. Untouched. But once I begin, the potential becomes reality and reality, as we know, is imperfect.

And yet, all great things begin with imperfect steps. Every peer once stood where we do uncertain, questioning, hesitant. Every Laurel once ruined a batch of dye or sewed a seam backwards. Every Knight once fumbled through footwork. Every Pelican once stumbled over responsibilities they would one day carry with grace.

The Society is a place of learning, and learning is messy. That is not a flaw it is the heart of what we do. Whether you are shaping leather, singing in court, brewing your first mead, or simply learning to call someone Your Excellency without tripping over your tongue, you are reaching into something greater than you were yesterday.

And you are not alone.

The most powerful magic I have encountered in the SCA is the willingness of strangers to share what they know. Ask. Reach out. Compliment someone's embroidery or armor or harp tune and then ask how they did it. Odds are, they'll be thrilled to tell you. That is how we grow not just as artisans or fighters, but as a community.

So here is my challenge to you: begin. Begin something new. Let go of the perfect image in your mind and pick up the scissors, the brush, the quill. You will make mistakes, and that is as it should be. The journey is where the art lies not just in the final form, but in the act of becoming.

As for me? I'm starting a new project this month. It may not be perfect but it will be mine. And that is enough.

And to those who have walked this path before: you may be the reason someone else finds the courage to begin. Whether through your quiet example, your laughter at your own early mistakes, or the simple grace of answering a question with patience, you make the way easier for those who follow. If you see someone hesitating on the threshold of a new craft, a new field, or a new challenge offer a kind word. A small encouragement can echo for years. We all benefit when we create a culture where curiosity is met with kindness, and growth is nurtured with humility.

Together, we become more than artisans and fighters we become stewards of a dream where learning is lifelong, and everyone has a place at the fire.

In service,

Lord Finnacan (Finnac) Raudh
Bard of Wintermist

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THL Birgir inn blakki and Musa Ken



Bards of Caid and the Caid Drum Corps
doing a rendition of Iron Maiden's Sun
and Steel



Liam Kincaid and Ivan of Wintermist



The final court of Their Excellencies Fabia
and Ajax as Baron and Baroness of
Wintermist

Wintermist Anniversary Highlights



Their Royal Majesties Khan Valentine and King Brocc, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Bjorn and Princess Roisin, and Their Excellencies Alphonsus and Sherlin (Shego).



THL Hallr Brjost Starsson and Master Diego



New Coronets handmade by by Megan De Barri with enamel work by Cara Michelle DuValier



Master Nafar competing in finals for Wintermist Rapier Champion



THL Birgir inn blakki and Lord Vadr Hafsson

Wintermist Anniversary Highlights

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