

# Tales from the Mist



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## Words from the Baron

Greetings Wintermist,

As we move further into the fall, we have much to look forward to—not only here at home, but alongside our friends throughout Caid.

First, we have our upcoming demo, and we hope to see plenty of Wintermist there helping us show our community what the SCA has to offer. Demos are one of our best opportunities to share what we love, welcome new faces, and perhaps inspire someone to take their first steps into the Society.

We are also excited to join our friends in Nordwache for Fire and Ice, and we look forward to traveling south for Dreiburgen's Investiture as they begin a new chapter in the history of their Barony. Opportunities like these to support our neighboring Baronies and share in their celebrations are part of what makes our Kingdom community so special.

And, of course, Great Western War is nearly upon us! We cannot wait to see Wintermist out in force—whether you come to fight, shoot, create, serve, camp, or simply spend time with friends around the fire. War is always one of the great gatherings of our Kingdom, and we look forward to sharing it with all of you.

As always, thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy, and talents to Wintermist. It is your enthusiasm and service that make our Barony what it is, and we are proud to stand alongside you.

In Service,

*Baron Alphonsus Balthasar Von Hamer*

# Words From Our Seneschal:

Hello, Wintermist!

As I flip my calendar to the month of October, I am reminded that Great Western War will be here in just a month. I'm starting to get my plans together for how I will spend my war. What volunteering opportunities will I take up, or what vigils and parties will I attend? Which of my friends will I make sure to visit and spend some time with? It's only a month away, but it'll get here in the blink an eye. This will be my fifth Great Western War, but the sense of excitement remains the same.

Before war, we have Fire & Ice to look forward to! It's a great opportunity to test out your camping gear before the big war. I may not be a good archer, but it didn't matter as, last year, I had wonderful time shooting with my friends. I'll make sure to look around my house to see what I can donate to the silent auction this year!

Lucas Francisco Espinosa de Covarrubias



## From the Webwright

Sometimes leaving the web is a good thing.

Constant work, constant improvement, constant learning. Eventually the site will be at a maintenance level, a level where 90% of what needs to be done is just updating, not redesigns.

I know most of the details are not of interest to most of you. After all, you joined a Historic group not a Tech club. The only thing of general interest was the Officers' Symposium. If they host it again, I recommend it.

The event was for all officers or perspective officers. It was two days of learning and discussions. There were two short sessions that were for everyone, the rest of the time was in office-specific groups. It was great to toss around ideas and learn more about the role and its expectations.

But one of the biggest values was meeting all the other officers. I was able to put faces to many names I knew from email and social media. Also talking across offices was interesting. As a Webwright, you assist all the other offices in many ways. To get a chance to ask them directly what they wish the site could do for them was invaluable.

In service as always,

Wihstan Aet Hamwic

# Words from our A&S Minister

Our first joint arts and sciences was very successful. Archery house hosted the meeting and potluck on September 27. We had a wonderful class on calligraphy in the morning and illumination in the afternoon. Lady Emma Cardiganshire (the Scribe Armarius) did a wonderful job teaching. I heard many positive comments and interest in continuing to do scribal arts. We had 14 people at the meeting and everyone was enthusiastic about more joint workshops. Please let me know if you are willing to teach or have a subject you want to know more about.

The new rules and categories for the Arts and Science competitions are now available on the baronial website. The categories are open to your artistic interpretation. You don't need to be on an awards path to participate. I would love for everyone to submit something, from first attempts to accomplished artisans. If you have any questions just give me a message. It may take a bit for me to get back to you due to off grid living but you will get an answer.

Elizabeth de Avonbury

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## Arts and Sciences Competition 2026-27

### How the Competition Works

1. Enter one or more items in a category.
2. Choose whether you want to compete for the annual Championship.
3. Entries are judged at Wintermist Yule, Rapier War, and Anniversary.
4. Points come from voting plus bonus points.
5. The highest-scoring eligible entries throughout the year determine the annual Champion.

### Competition Categories

- General / Adult
- Youth
- Food & Drink

### Entry Requirements

- Complete an entry form.
  - Indicate: Your name, Competition category, Whether the entry should be considered for the annual Championship
- Food and drink entries must include a complete ingredients list.

### Annual Championship

- Competition season includes:
  - Wintermist Yule (December)
  - Rapier War (February)
  - Wintermist Anniversary (May)
- Themes for all events are announced prior to the start of the competition season.
- Artists may compete for the annual Championship or Participate in individual events only.
- Only one entry per artist per event counts toward the Championship score (the highest-scoring entry).

### Awards

At each event 1st Place will be awarded in each category.

At Wintermist Anniversary the annual awards will be presented:

- Champion
- 2nd Place Overall
- 3rd Place Overall

#### **Wintermist Yule - December 12, 2026**

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Theme</u>       |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| General / Adult | Winter             |
| Youth           | Winter             |
| Food & Drink    | Familiar Favorites |
| Bardic          | Seasonal           |

# From the Chatelaine

Greetings Wintermist and beyond!

This Sunday, October 11th we will be holding a combined Fighter Practice & Demo from 2pm until 5pm at Hart Memorial Park. We will be displaying our Arts & Sciences and demonstrating Rapier and Armored fighting to the public. Please attend if you are able. It should be a balmy 84 degrees. Finally, please keep in mind that we are all Chatelaines when we are in public however, if you are shy then simply introduce any interested parties to one of our officers.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday!



Ivarr Mjoksiglandi

# From the GWW Camp Master

In charge of our 1/10 th of an acre!

We have nine fully registered and paid as of this writing, 9/30. That grants us just above 1/10 th an acre. For those not used to thinking in acres, that would be a 66 ft by 66 ft, 33 yards by 33 yards, or one chain by one chain (look it up) square.

We have a Thursday Chess tournament at the Game night in the food court tent. Dun Or is hosting the game night, we are hosting the Chess tournament. Other than that we haven't nailed down any group activities.

If you haven't, please go to our website and the Wintermist Camp at GWW page. There you will find a link to the volunteer page for Great Western War. Please, if you have any time volunteer for anything! Every little bit helps keep the burden from falling on a dedicated few.

Wihtstan Aet Hamwic

# Snowflaku

Use the letters in the word SNOWFLAKE to solve this Sudoku puzzle.

Remember: No letter appears twice in a row, column or box!

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | F |   |   |   | K | S |   |   |
| L |   |   |   |   |   |   | E |   |
| K | S |   |   |   | A |   | N | F |
|   | K | F | W |   | L |   |   |   |
|   | W |   | N | E | F |   | L |   |
|   |   |   | K |   | S | W | F |   |
| W | O |   | A |   |   |   | S | N |
|   | E |   |   |   |   |   |   | W |
|   |   | S | F |   |   |   | O | L |

## Wintermist Calendar of Activities

| October 2026                                         |    |    |                             |                                               |                             |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11                                                   | 12 | 13 | 14                          | 15                                            | 16                          | 17                        |
| Archery Practice<br>9am<br>Demo at Hart<br>Park 12PM |    |    | BCM - Rusty's<br>7pm        | Fighter Practice -<br>Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm | Fire and Ice Target Tourney |                           |
| 18                                                   | 19 | 20 | 21                          | 22                                            | 23                          | 24                        |
| F&TT                                                 |    |    | Bardic run by<br>Skallagrim | Fighter Practice -<br>Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |                             | Dreiburgen<br>Anniversary |
| 25                                                   | 26 | 27 | 28                          | 29                                            | 30                          | 31                        |
| Agincourt<br>Tourney<br>(Altavia)                    |    |    | A&S - Archery<br>House      | Fighter Practice -<br>Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |                             |                           |

# Wintermist Calendar of Activities

continued

| November 2026 |    |                   |                                                |                                               |    |                                                             |
|---------------|----|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1             | 2  | 3                 | 4                                              | 5                                             | 6  | 7                                                           |
|               |    | Great Western War |                                                |                                               |    |                                                             |
| 8             | 9  | 10                | 11                                             | 12                                            | 13 | 14                                                          |
| GWW           |    |                   |                                                | Fighter Practice -<br>Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |    | Frost Dragon<br>(Naevehjem)                                 |
| 15            | 16 | 17                | 18                                             | 19                                            | 20 | 21                                                          |
|               |    |                   | BCM - Rusty's<br>7pm -date moved<br>due to GWW | Fighter Practice -<br>Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |    | Practicum of<br>the Desert<br>(Starkhafn)                   |
| 22            | 23 | 24                | 25                                             | 26                                            | 27 | 28                                                          |
|               |    |                   | A&S - Archery<br>House                         | Fighter Practice<br>- Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |    |                                                             |
| 29            | 30 |                   |                                                |                                               |    |                                                             |
|               |    |                   |                                                |                                               |    |                                                             |
| December 2026 |    |                   |                                                |                                               |    |                                                             |
|               |    | 1                 | 2                                              | 3                                             | 4  | 5                                                           |
|               |    |                   | Bardic run by<br>Skallagrim                    | Fighter Practice<br>- Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |    | Dun Or,<br>Gyldenholt/Lyon<br>demere,<br>Nordwache<br>Yules |
| 6             | 7  | 8                 | 9                                              | 10                                            | 11 | 12                                                          |
|               |    |                   | BCM - Rusty's<br>7pm                           | Fighter Practice<br>- Fruitvale Norris<br>7pm |    | Wintermist Yule                                             |



# Wintermist Regnum



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## Wintermist Champions

Gideon the Genuine - Archery Champion  
Sven Örfhendur - Armored Combat Champion  
Æsa í lerken - Arts and Sciences Champion  
Giovanna Leonetta della Quercia - Bardic Champion  
Rónán de Bhál - Crossbow Champion  
Diago de las Casas - Rapier Champion  
Ceallach mac Uilliam - Rubber Band Gun Champion  
Paganus Grimlove - Thrown Weapons Champion