

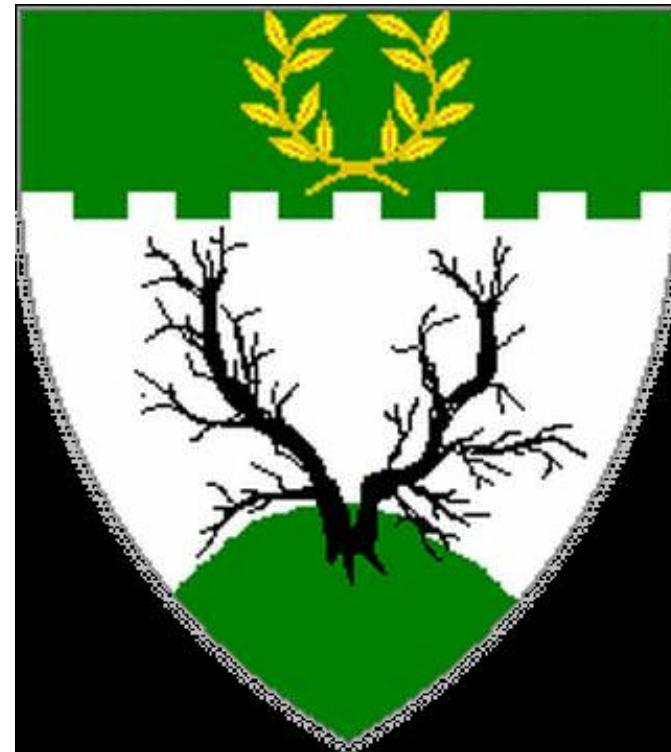
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Newsletter for the Shire of
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Their Royal Highnesses

Prince Thomas Byron of Haverford and Princess Ariella of Thornbury

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7:00 pm downstairs

Hail and well met, Sunderoak! I am humbled to have been selected as Seneschal of our fair shire.

While everything is settling down and shifting in to place, as it must always with a change such as this, I would like to take a moment to thank Mistress Katla.

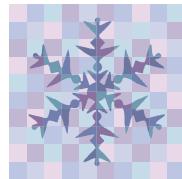


When we came to the shire a few years ago, some of the first people we met were Katla and Thorgrim. Shortly thereafter, we felt like we had known them for well beyond a mere few months. I know I am not alone in the feelings of warmth and welcome that stem from their approach to the SCA; many are able to tell of their hospitality and largess. Few are willing to put forth the effort to make sure all feel welcome. Mistress Katla is one of those people who always says, "Hi! How are you doing?" with a warm and welcoming smile on her face. When she greets you, you know that you are welcome. Beyond these attributes, Mistress Katla has a way of helping people to reach their full potential. Quiet letters, quick messages and casual statements of, "You should check out...." are the tools of her organizational abilities. My participation in the shire has been heavily influenced by her quiet suggestions and outright recommendations.

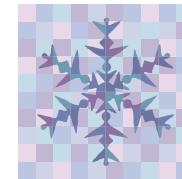
I know that her careful planning and attention to detail have made this shire what it is today. I know that her caring and thoughtfulness have helped the shire to grow. As we move forward, I will work to help the shire to continue to grow and thrive. I do not enter into this position lightly, and I hope to continue on the great work started my predecessors.

Fenna Rioux, Seneschal of Sunderoak





Greetings Sunderoak!



There are as always many wonderous things happening in our great Shire! We have a demo on November 6th at **Slippery Rock University**, watch the Yahoo group and facebook for updates. We also will be walking in **Butler's Winter Parade** on **November 30th** (application pending approval).

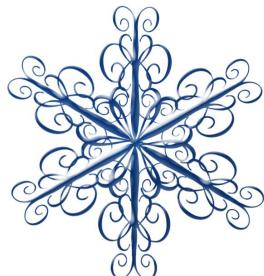


We also have two new officers! **Mossie** is our new Châtelaine!!! YEAH!!!! Thank you Thorgrim for your many many years of service to the Shire!!

And....**Please welcome your new Seneschal Fenna!!** It has been my pleasure to be seneschal for the last few years of the bestest most rocking shire ever!!

I'd like to thank all of the officers who continue to serve, Mahin, Tommasa, Eoin, Raven, and Dyne you help make the shire the place to be.

And to everyone who comes out and participates - THANK YOU!!!



Best,

Katla

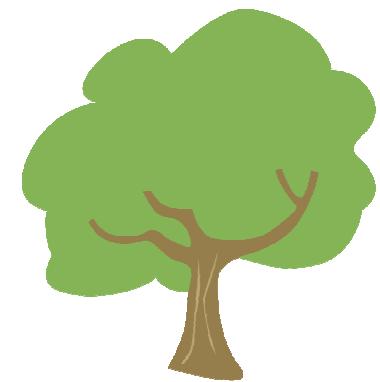
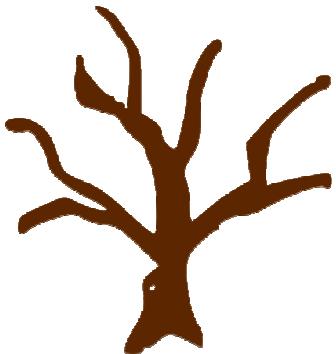


About twenty years ago I experimented with various period poetry styles. Digging through some of my old SCA stuff, I've found three poems that were published in the *Oak Leaf* (the newsletter for the Shire of Oak Heart, in the Kingdom of Calontir). They are all different: a sonnet, a ballade and a rondel.

Below is the sonnet that I composed. It was first published in the May, A.S. XIX edition of the *Oak Leaf*.

A Sonnet: In the Wooded Green

*I see you standing in the wooded green,
And hope you notice not my shameless stare
Upon your silhouetted form so lean
And golden sunlight on your shoulders bare.
The world reflects your beauty in the spring,
Yet when shall I discover how to win
The heart of whom I would forever cling,
Of you, before me, in this forest glen?
Overhead a wren has taken wing
To sing my feelings to the world above.
I find the courage now to slowly bring
My trembling hand to touch the one I love.
I ask if I might stay with you a while.
You turn, and answer with a simple smile.*



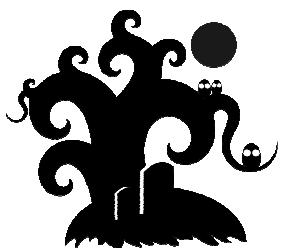
Alaric Acwulf



The Friday before Halloween I had a missed call from a Shire member. I've known this mother for a year. I quickly called her back and she was just checking in. She had been following my increasingly stressed status updates about making my sons Halloween costumes. She asked if there was any sewing she could do for me to get them done on time.



That example of kindness is what I've come to expect from the Shire of Sunderoak. Time and time again, whenever I've encountered Shire regulars, they have always led the way with kindness.



It's that welcoming, helpful attitude that I want to show newcomers (and continue to illustrate to the society at large). We may be small, but our altruism runs deep and we are mighty!

Yours in Service,
Mollie O'Donnell
Chatelaine



We are pleased to let you know that the 2015 Kingdom Newsletters are now available to all current Sustaining and International members for your review.

Are you a New Member?

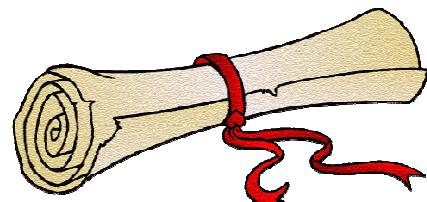
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