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Newsletter Date

**From The Chronicler**

I regret to inform Arenal that I had to move away at a moment's notice. I am back in the Orlando area and am likely to stay here for at least a year, but likely more. I finally have the opportunity to go to school full time AND maintain a decent job (that isn't demeaning).

I still plan to be at Arabian Nights and continue to support the shire. The growth we have made in just the past year that I have been a member is insane and I look

forward to watching from afar now that the ball is rolling.

Paige Darby had not planned to take on the Chronicler until after AN, but she is acting as the officer with my recent departure. My best wishes to her and I will funnel as much as I can her direction!

In service,

*Idonea de Tiguella*

**And the Deputy**

As much as I hate to see Tiger leave, I am super excited to take on this role. This is my first newsletter for the Shire, and I'm sure that you can see a lot of changes already. It's up to you to decide if you like them, or if we need to keep changing things to suit our group.

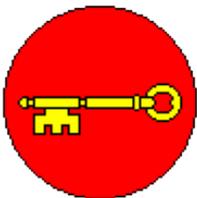
We're a little light on content this month. No one knew—not even our intrepid Seneschal—that I was planning on such a long format. I'd love to start

featuring content from all our members, but especially the younger ones. Therefore, I am seeking both an adult deputy and a junior deputy to help document all of the excellent things that our wonderful Shire has to offer.

Your feedback is a gift, and I hope it is one you will give often.

Yours in (delighted) service,

*Taddea Bice di Merlino*

**From the Seneschal**

Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard to bring our demos and events together. We've been exceptionally busy and have a lot going on. Arabian Nights is hot on our heels. If you would like to volunteer or be put to work on something event related, please let one of the Shire officers or event Autocrats know. They will be happy to point you in the di-

rection of things to do. Thank you all for all that you do for the Shire. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at

[Seneschal@arenal.meridies.org](mailto:Seneschal@arenal.meridies.org).

*YIS – Baroness Catja Mulyovskaya*

## Herald

Alas, the letter from our beloved herald suffered an accident on its way to us this month! As the story comes to us, the Lady Alastriona was in her solar in the castle, working feverishly to create such a masterful missive that you would have wept to read it when her maid opened the windows to allow the Spring Breeze to fan her mistress's brow. Spring Breezes are capricious things, and just as our brave Lady lifted

her pen, it snatched the letter from under her fair hand and swirled it right out of the window into the moat!

Now, the moat is a dangerous place, full of crocodiles and specially bred serpents whose venom could slay a hundred men. But Brave Lady Alastriona had no care for that. In she jumped, tying the mouths of the crocodiles closed with the

writhing bodies of the serpents. In a matter of moments, she was victorious, but alas! The ink had washed away!

Our bold Lady Herald is now recovering from her wounds, so fearlessly received in service to our Shire and the Dream. Wish her the best, as do we Chroniclers.

Humbly yours,

*Taddea Bice di Merlino*



## Marshal

No article received.

The Chronicler believes that Lord Rholand may be hunting dragons, but there is no confirmation of this totally unsubstantiated, far-flung, impossible fiction.



### Michael Ritz

was observed being an "Awesome guy who came out for pick ups for things for Arabian Nights."

Thank you, Michael, for being such a valued and valuable member of the Shire!

## Minister of Children

Greeting from your Minister of Children,

Recently I was asked to create goals for my office, and I am very excited about one of my goals. I would like for the Shire of Arenals children to gain a reputation. No not that kind of reputation. One for sending items off to Kingdom in our largesse, and not just in quantity but in quality. This is going to take a lot of support and encouragement from parents, the children and the Shire as a whole. I will be attempting to line up more hobby building classes in

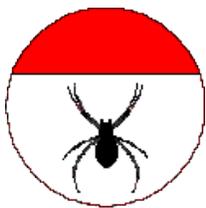
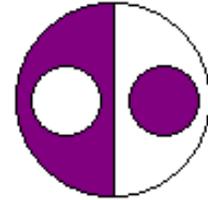
order to help the children find a craft that they are excited about. This should help get the creative juices flowing. I'm asking all members to let me know if they have something that could be used for a class. Our first class directed at this goal will be taught by Ivan Bliminse. The children will be making leather water bottle harnesses on June 12th, just in time for Father's Day! If this goes well we might be able to have some little leather craftsmen and women running around adding items to our largesse. I also implore our mem-

bers that if you see a child at a project day working on something get excited with them about the item.

On another note I have some very exciting news. Lord Azor RYURIK has offered to become our Youth Combat Marshal. I can not wait to see our children with sword and shield and I would like to extend a big thank you to Lord Azor for taking on this task.

Humbly,

Lady Jane Wolfden



## Web Minister

No article provided. The Chronicler believes that he is assisting the MOAS with a Very Important Project.



## Minister of Arts and Sciences

No article received.

The Chronicler believes that our lovely MOAS is very likely to be busy creating a person and would be grateful for 5 minutes to breathe. Al-

so, please be sure to get your reports in on time, but she is only guessing.

## FEATURED VIEWPOINT

**From the Office of the Exchequer**

Greetings for June. Shortly, we will have our annual Arabian Nights. This AN2016 will be my first. I am looking forward to the event. Having recently joined the SCA on 07 June 2015, I am a novice in the Society. I wish to mention the importance of our exhibitions in the community. I attended the Renaissance on the Sunday with my house mate Ryan last year. We stopped by the coral where a group of period fighters were “beating” on each other. The activity looked fun. One fighter lost his demi and had a hit on the wrist. Ryan and I were near the fence where the fight walked over to step out of the “fun.” The person was none other than Chad Henderson.

Chad answered our questions about the field activities. I wanted to become more involved with the activities. I was invited to attend a Sunday training session. I showed up several Sundays at different times, but never happened upon anyone at Mira Flores Park. No business cards were available on that Sunday. I had all but given up, and one day as I was riding my bicycle back home I looped through the Park to ride down the hills. To my amazement, people in armor were playing in the park. I stopped by and spoke with Andrew Stahlecker and tried the rattan swords. I was excited. After the gathering at the Park, Jake and Andrew stopped by O’Zone’s Pizza Pub; I had left early to get to work. Since I work at the building, I happened to see the two of them outside and stopped to talk.

Andrew invited me to attend the practices and become involve in the Shire of Arenal, the local SCA branch. I was in. Then, I meet more Shire members and was really hooked with the comradery of the members. (Lisa A. and Keri H. were so kind to help my high-school-made toga become a tunic, as an example.) The Henderson family was kind enough to let me borrow gear as I work on my gear. When I was asked if I would help with the group, I said yes, not knowing all that “yes” meant. I agreed to be the next Exchequer. I now realize this position is a very trusted position. I thought a simple position like some of my other groups. After the fact, I am honored to be so trusted.

I mention these vignettes to point out the importance of exhibitions to our group’s continued growth and talking with those people standing close by. Chad’s actions led me to the group and Andrew got me involved. While I am a fairly active person within our community, I did not know of the Shire of Arenal and the SCA. More in the next newsletter about these thoughts...

Now, for more mundane matters, as I mentioned that the AN 2016 is fast approaching, I need help with the “troll” table. I would like to create a schedule where I have two to three people for 2 hour time periods. I would like to make the activity as simple as possible. The financial committee is looking for people who have a proclivity for handling guest registration and money. I am working on the time table this coming week. This event is our time in the Kingdom Spot light. Let us shine bright. The first location of interaction for AN 2016 is the “troll” table. Please e-mail the exchequer at [exchequer@arenal.meridies.org](mailto:exchequer@arenal.meridies.org) .

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Ritz, Exchequer

## Chatelaine

It's been a very busy month! There were about 15 of us at the May 6 demo at Gulf Breeze Elementary, where everyone had a great time and a feast was served to us afterward.

On May 18th, we did a demo at Gateway Church of Chris preschool. 9 members attended and entertained the children with face painting, dancing, music, and a fencing show.

There have been more members—both new and returning—coming back

to play at the park on Sundays.

I need help to get the loaner garb ready for Arabian Nights. If anyone has any garb they would like to donate, please see me.

We are also working on

decorations for AN and will need assistance as we get closer to that event.

*Lady Addelisa Annebell*



Gulf Breeze Elementary Demo 6 May, 2016

## Charles White

was observed trying a new thing. Thank you for letting us all share in your joy in learning a new skill!



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## Upcoming events

*June 2016*

**June 2 7:00pm**  
**Business Meeting**

Boy Scout building in  
Miraflores Park

(populace welcome)

**Maker's Day and**  
**Fighter Practice**  
**June 5, June 12**  
**June 19, And June**  
**26**

Starts around 10 am,  
check Facebook for  
changes

*July 2016*

**July 1-3**

