



The Althing

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Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands
in the
Kingdom of Æthelmearc

Located in these modern times in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas

Upcoming Events

Garb Swap

July 6

Avalon Shelter, 303 Pearce Mill Rd, Allison Park, PA

Pennsic

July 25- August 10

Cooper's Lake Campground

September Social Meeting

September 14

Parish Hill Barn, Walter Rd, Allison Park, PA

Meetings and Practices

Business Meetings

First Wednesday of even months, 8pm

Hybrid; locations TBA

Debatable Lands Choir Practice

Every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm

Contact Arianna Wynthrop for location

Debatable Consort Practice

Every Tuesday, 8:35-9:30pm

Immediately after choir, same location

Winter Martial Practice

Every Sunday starting Nov. 1, 1pm-5pm

5372 Enterprise Blvd, Bethel Park, PA

A&S Night

Fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30 - 9:30pm

Contact ansminister@debatablelands.org for location

Court Report: Íris Festival June 7, AS 60 (2025)

The report of the Court of Praetoria Aurelia Argentia Prima and Baronessa Violeta da Valencia, ninth Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the 7th day of June Anno Societatis 60 at The Iris Festival, as recorded by Oyama Shichi-i Michiharu, Deputy Pursuivant, assisted by Lærifaðir jorundr hinn rotinn.

Their Excellencies opened court with minimal fanfare, focusing on the ongoing aetherial court broadcast from Scarlet Guard Inn. They thanked everyone who attended, noting specifically the boisterous activities and well-populated tournaments.

Their Excellencies began by inviting up any newcomers to speak with them. They remarked positively at how many were in attendance, and gave each a gift of hand-struck coins. Their Excellencies invited them to trade them, gift them, or otherwise do what they will with them.

Their Excellencies invited the Event Steward, The Honorable Lady Niamh bean Bhraín ui Labhradha, to address the populace. Her Ladyship spoke fondly of the many people who assisted in setup and tear down. She thanked Don Robert MacEwin of Thornhill for his work as the day's Marshal In Charge, Lady Tristyn of Gryffyn's Keep for the Thrown Weapons tournament, The Honorable Lady Azenari Basandere for organizing the Baronial Equestrian Championship, and Lady Finé Failain for leading the bento box dayboard. Her Ladyship also thanked Lord Skjoldr Bjorn for his help as MoL, Master Alaric MacConnal for running registration, and The Honorable Lady Svava Jorudottir for hosting the newcomer's tea.

Their Excellencies next called up The Honorable Lady Azenari Basandere to speak on the Baronial Equestrian Championship. Her Ladyship spoke of the various trials that the competitors had to overcome, before calling up Lord Yarden of the Debatable Lands. Lord Yarden was named the Baronial Equestrian Champion and given its accompanying duties, the regalia, and a scroll by The Honorable Lady Rachel Dalicieux.

Their Excellencies then invited Don Robert MacEwin of Thornhill to speak on the day's Fencing activities. Don Robert spoke of the first tournament, a weapon's progression bearpit. He announced the points winner as Luminaria Salvadore de la Torres, and the Last Fencer Standing as Lærifaðir j rundr hinn rotinn. Next he spoke of the afternoon's tournament, Duels at High Noon-ish. The winner was announced as Don Ferruccio DiCosimo.

Next, their Excellencies called up Lady Tristyn of Gryffyn's Keep to speak of the thrown weapon's tournament. The tournament, sponsored by the Æthelmarc Royal Guild of Foresters, was themed around various forestry-based facts and knowledge - culling invasive insects, maintaining healthy harvesting practices of plants, and promoting the growth of beneficial fungi. Lady Tristyn announced a first and second place, Lord Hans Drachen Sohn and Aaron of the Debatable lands, respectively. The prizes were generously supplied by various members of the Royal Guild of Foresters - Master Morien MacBain, Lærimoðir Álfrún ketta, Romie Fenwood, and Mistress Constance Glyn Dwr. So numerous were the prizes that they were split between first and second place!

Their Excellencies then demanded the presence of Oyama Shichi-i Michiharu. Michi-san was then given a Lapis Comet for their various arts and sciences, with insistence that they continue to learn and try new things. Their excellencies also reminded them of their representation at the Seven Pearls. The scroll was illustrated by Ishiyama-Shonagon Gen'tarou Yori'ie, with wordsmithing by The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg, and calligraphy by The Honorable Lady Lisabetta de Rossi.

Finally, their Excellencies wanted to take a moment to speak of a newcomer to the Barony, Istini. Though they had already left site, Baronessa Violeta and Praetoria Prima praised their upstanding character - noting their diligence in picking up litter, their assistance in making sure the Duels tournament ran smoothly, and their overall kind and respectful demeanor.

Their Excellencies addressed the populace once more, taking a moment to congratulate the premiers of the Order of the Mark, and not wishing to take up any more time from that historic event.

There being no further business, the Court of Their Excellencies was closed.

Faithfully submitted,
Oyama Shichi-i Michiharu

Deputy Pursuivant

Court Report: Archery and Thrown Weapons Champs, June 15, AS 60 (2025)

The report of the Court of Baronessa Violeta, ninth Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the 15th day of June Anno Societatis LX at the Archery and Thrown Weapons Championships, held at weapons practice in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, as recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Comet Pursuivant.

Her Excellency invited the Thrown Weapons finalists, The Honorable Lord Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto, and Duke Thomas Byron of Haverford, to join Her. She then shared that His Lordship Kuma had bested His Grace and asked if he was willing to stand as Champion. Her Excellency further inquired whether His Grace would be willing to stand as second. Both replied yes. The Honorable Lord Meinolf Grímsson, outgoing Champion, presented His Lordship Kuma with the regalia of his new office. Court suspended.

A few minutes later, at the conclusion of the Archery competition, Her Excellency was joined by Lord Sebastian Mora and She further invited forward Lord Skjoldr Bjorn and The Honorable Lord Niall Mac Raedwulf. Again, She asked Lord Skjoldr, having come in first in the shooting, if he thought he could hold both the Kingdom and Baronial Championships at the same time; upon his assent, Her Excellency bestowed the Champion title to him and asked His Lordship Niall to serve as Skjoldr's second.

Her Excellency gave leave to Lord Sebastian to thank the populace for their support during his year of championship, noting that it was his first time as a Champion anything, and that he had been pleased to serve. With the Barony's mutual thanks for his dedicated and enthusiastic service, Lord Sebastian turned over the Champion's regalia to Lord Skjoldr, adding his arrow to the collection.

There being no further business, the Court of Her Excellency was closed.

Faithfully submitted,

Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres

Comet Pursuivant

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