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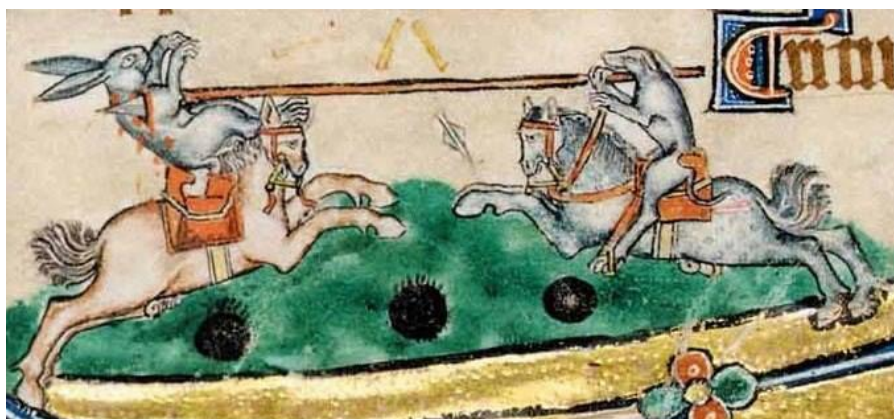
Baron Nels Ulger i Jaren – War is Coming!!

# BARONY OF BLATHA AN OIR

JUNE 2025

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## BLATHA AN OIR UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR

Date	Event
Mondays, 7pm	Sewing/Crafting Night at 4105 S Yakima St, Tacoma, WA
Tuesday, 6pm	Fighter Practice at Wapato, Tacoma, WA
June Faire June 20-22, 2025	<b><i>Kitsap County Fair Grounds</i></b> <b><i>1200 Fairgrounds NY</i></b> <b><i>Bremerton, WA 98311</i></b>
Athenaeum June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Lake Washington High School 12033 NE 80th Street Kirkland, WA 98033
An Tir West War July 1-6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Lazy J Moore Ranch 96029 Euchre Creek RD Gold Beach, Or 97444
July Coronation July 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<i>3 Rivers Convention Center</i> <i>TriCities, Or</i>
Lord Defenders July 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Wapato Park



## Their Excellencies of Blatha an Oir

Baroness Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle & Baron Nels Ulfger i Jaren

Royalty, Highnesses, and Officers

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## Call for Officers

Blatha an Oir is in need of deputies for just about every officer position. If you are interested in becoming one of these officers, or learning about the role, please feel free to reach out to members of the populace for information.

## Letter from the Editor:

Greetings unto the Populace of Blatha an Oir

First I want to thank Lord Mikael MacLeod for all his time on The Blatherings and his years of service as the Baronial Chronicler.

Please bear with me as I learn about this new office and how to create what I hope is an amazing newsletter in future issues. This one might be a little bare of photos and items until I learn new skills.

Thank you to Their Excellencies and to the populace for entrusting me with this office and opportunity.

YIS, In Voice and Heart



Meistäri Kira Mikkeldotter, OP



# Letter from Their Excellencies

Unto the Populace, greetings!

Here we are, on the cusp of summer and camping season is well under way. Now is the time to ensure all your gear is maintained and in usable condition. When was the last time you scrubbed out coolers and water vessels?

Another magnificent Embers & Ambrosia is in the books. We have new champions: Lady Sibilis is the new Arts & Sciences champion, SGT Gareth is the new Bardic champion, and Lord Adhemar is the new Shield of the Barony. Many thanks to all who competed, you made the decisions difficult! So many people have raved about what a good time they had and that this is their favourite event, hands down. We may be biased, but we whole-heartedly agree!

Coming soon, there is regional war practice in Burien on Saturday 7 June. The following day is the memorial Rose Tourney, taking place at Wapato Park. Following quickly on the heels of those events are June Faire, 20-22 June, and Athenaeum, 28 June. In July, there is An Tir West War, July Coronation, and Lord Defender. August offers the opportunity to catch our breath with some low-key regional day events, and then it's September Crown and Autumn War!

We hope to see many of you at the events we will be attending:

7 June - Regional War Practice

8 June - Rose Tourney

21 June - June Faire

28 June - Athenaeum

1-6 July - An Tir West War

26 July - Lord Defender

29 Aug - 1 Sep - September Crown

11 - 14 Sep - Autumn War

Go forth and do good deeds. Remember that this is a hobby run mostly by volunteers, and we are all volunteers. Give people the grace that you would like to receive.

We remain in service to Crown and Coronet

Nels, Baron, Blatha an Oir

Elizabeth, Baroness, Blatha an Oir

# Letter From the Seneschal

Greetings on to the populace of the Land of the Golden Blossom!

I want to thank Sir Warrin of Essex for his time, energy and service as the Seneschal. The position is not easy and can take more time than expected. Sir Warrin, Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

To Their Excellencies, thank you for entrusting me with this position and I look forward to serving the barony.

I want to say "Hi" to all of you, the great populace of the Barony of Blatha an Oir. We would not be here without you. This barony is my home, I first started playing in 1997 and even though I went to another kingdom, it is here that I returned. This barony is my heart and my home. I am humbled to be serving you as the seneschal.

Now for the nitty gritty:

We are a volunteer organization; You do not have to hold an officer's position to continue to make this barony a welcoming place for all. However, we cannot run the barony without volunteers. If there is an office position that you are interested in, please reach out to the person who is currently holding it to arrange to talk to them. If the position is open, please feel free to reach out to me. If you want to help at an event, please reach out to the event team.

We are currently accepting Bids for future events:

Embers and Ambrosia 2026

Lord Defender 2026

Autumn War 2026

Harvest Feast 2026

I am looking forward to the coming months as we have many wonderful events planned and I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Service,

HL Ellisif Leifsdottir

Seneschal of Blatha an Oir

# **WAR IS COMING**

Our Barony approaches war times.

Be Alert! Be Vigilant! Be Prepared!

Sept. 11th - 14th we go to War, alongside our cousins in Madrone, Glymm Mere and Dragon's Laire in Tenino, WA, for what is sure to be an unforgettable weekend of festivities, war, arts and sciences, youth and family activities, pride themed dance, and much more.

Are you eager to be the next Thrown Weapons or Archery Champion  
of Blatha an Oir?

Championships are to be held at Autumn War!

Come and show your prowess and chance to represent the Barony.

We hope to see you there!

YIS -

Mestari Rosa Marcella, Event Steward  
and Lord Myskia Billingr, Co-Steward

See the kingdom webpage for the most current and up to date information as it comes.

Autumn War feat. Emprise of the Black Lion

Barony of Blatha an Oir

Sept 11th - 14th

Opens: 2 pm 9/11; Closes 3 pm 9/14

Event Steward: Mestari Rosa Marcella [rosamarcella20@gmail.com](mailto:rosamarcella20@gmail.com)

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Gate Fees: \$55 adult weekend\*, \$40 adult day\*

\*members receive a \$10 discount

Site: T90 Ranch 16641 Old Hwy 99 Tenino, WA 98589

NOTE regarding site: this will be a pack in pack out event. All trash and personal items need to also leave with you.

Camping: Tent camping does have a cost this year.

Sleeping tent (whole weekend) \$10

Horse Stall (per night) \$25

RV (per night) \$35



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## *Peer Spotlight*

### *Magnifica Maire Blakater*



**How Long have you participated in the SCA?**

In total 13 years. I started in 1995 and played until 1998, I took a break raising my kids and we came back in 2015

**Have you always Lived in An Tir? In Blatha an Oir?**

No, I'm a Caid transplant!

**If not tell us where you are from?**

I first lived in the Barony of Drieburgen in Caid and participated in the first 3 Great Western Wars when they were held in Prado Park in Drieburgen.

**Tell us a little about your persona?**

I am a 16<sup>th</sup> century bard, a widow and a mother of one son. My family is connected to the Douglas clan and due to political intrigues we have lost favor with the crown. I work as a bard because my father was a believer in Humanism and education for his daughters. I was inspired by the writings of Christine de Pizan and hope to publish my own books on the role of women in our society.

**What is your favorite SCA memory?**

It's hard to pick one since I've had the privilege of playing in two vastly different kingdoms and attending wars in other states. I think waking up in a tent and hearing birdsong and walking out to a morning fire is my favorite part of every camping event. It's still quiet and for a moment you feel like you are at a war or perhaps at the Field of Gold with Henry's court.

**What is your favorite memory about your elevation?**

It sounds weird, but when people I didn't know were congratulating me afterwards, and they would say how much they enjoyed my elevation. I tried to make it a theatrical event that people could watch like a play, and it worked!

**What advice would you give a perspective Student or Apprentice?**

Go ahead and try all the things but remember you don't have to DO all the things. You can focus on whatever brings you joy. It shouldn't feel like a job. When I start talking about Commedia or Isabella Whitney, I get really excited to share what I know and hopefully make other people excited as well.

**What is your favorite part of living in Blatha an Oir?**

The people are kind and welcoming and many of them have been around for decades. They are the living repositories of our Barony's history.



Tune in Next Quarter for all New Baronial  
Adventures