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## From Their Majesties

Greetings, beloved Populace. The longer We are your Crown, the more We appreciate Our populace. Esperance is truly the Hope of Adria, and We are proud to be a part of it.

We are (finally) issuing warrants for Our cantons. All the border questions have been resolved, and the final paperwork is in the hands of the Imperium. But We wait no longer to issue Our warrants! Esperance has 4 cantons, 2 of which are new. Sir Royal MacBreaheny is Our Viceroy of Tara, which encompasses the Los Angeles and western San Gabriel valleys. Sir Cromar Volksblot is Our Viceroy of Aquitaine which includes the Riverside and San Bernardino areas. And please welcome our two newest viceroys. Greyldon Wynter of Avernus is Our Viceory of Avernus, which is the Ridgecrest area. And Lady Emer O'Shea is Our Viceroy of Loch Lave, which is the area around 29 Palms. I have heard nothing but praise and encouragement for these newest cantons, and hope that the rest of the kingdom will continue to help these areas to thrive as they pursue their dreams.

There is also a bit of harsh news to convey to Our populace. There were several incidents at the Terre Neuve Crown War that served to illustrate the need to repeat the official policy on drinking at events. It is contained in the Imperial Writ regarding the protection of minors and is printed elsewhere (page 4) in this newsletter. Read it. *IT WILL BE ENFORCED*. Further, the incidents showed us a need for a more visible way of knowing who is a minor and who is not. Esperance is adopting this policy, effective immediately: At events where drinking is allowed, all who wish to drink must verify their age with the event autocrat, who will provide a wristband which is to be worn in plain view. If anyone is caught drinking without the wristband, they are assumed to be a minor and will be escorted offsite immediately. Anyone providing alcohol to someone not wearing a wristband will also be asked to leave.

But fear not! It actually is possible for minors to survive an overnight event without drinking. In fact, Horatio Merriweather will be conducting a collegium in the near future on that very topic. We look forward to this and urge Our populace to attend.

Our final item of business regards Crossroad Corona. The estates voted to back Esperance's efforts at this faire. But the estates are not responding to the Crown. To date, We have received responses from 2 houses to co-autocrat a day. And We have received gatelisting information from only 3 houses. This is

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### Wanted:

A Chain-Mail teacher for the Canton of Aquitaine event for the month of June, July, or August.

If you are willing and available, please Contact Count Cromar or Marquessa Willow at

lordcromar2@netzero.net

## ***From Their Majesties***

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not sufficient to properly man the encampment. Please use the day today to gather your information and speak to the Queen. If we receive enough information today, there will be a work party tomorrow (April 9) at the site to begin our encampment. The site needs to be completed by the 25th, so there will also be additional work parties next weekend. All are welcome!

Faire information you need to know: The faire runs from April 29th through Memorial Weekend. Camping passes for the run of faire are \$20 per person (and weekend camping passes are available for \$10 each weekend). Gatelist passes are free with the initial gatelist. After the 25th, they cost you money (further incentive to speak with the Queen). Our encampment is 50 feet wide, and about 50-plus feet deep. It is smaller than last year, but still adequate for our needs. It's the same place as last year, minus the big tree.

With respect, we remain,  
Wilhelm von Seiken, King of Esperance  
Maedb Hawkins Drakonja, Queen of Esperance

### ***Feast Days***

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#### ***April Feast Days***

April 7-8, Easter: from the festival of Eastre (Ostara), Saxon goddess of spring.

April 8, Hana-Matsuri: festival of Shaka, Silent Sage of Japanese Buddhism.

April 9 Lumeria: festival honoring Lemures, spirits of dead family members who wander the earth on spring nights.

April 15, Fordicidia: the festival of Tellus, Roman earth goddess.

April 16, The feast day of St. Bernadette.

April 19, Cerealia: festival of Ceres, Roman corn goddess.

April 21, Palilia (Parilia): festival of Pales, Roman goddess of shepherds and flocks. Also the legendary founding date of Rome.

April 23, Saint George's Day.

April 25, Robigalia: festival of Robigus, Roman corn god.

April 28 - May 1, Floralia: the festival of Flora, Roman goddess of fruitfulness and flowers.

April 30, Beltine (Caileach Beara): a Celtic goddess, turns to stone. She is reborn on October 31, Samhain. Also, May Day Eve, Walpurgis Night, formerly the date of the pagan festival marking the beginning of summer.

#### ***May Feast Days***

May 1, The day of Saint Walburga (8th century AD).

May 1, Beltane: Celtic festival marking the beginning of summer, where cattle were driven between purifying fires before they were let out to graze the meadows. Also the festival of Belenus, the Celtic god of fire and the sun.

May 8, festival of Mens, Roman goddess of mind and consciousness.

### ***The Poetry Corner***

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*Contributed by Sir Jamie the Red*

#### ***Song***

***By John Donne***

Go, and catch a falling star,  
Get with child the mandrake root,  
Tell me, where all past years are,  
Or who cleft the Devil's foot,  
Teach me to hear mermaids singing  
Or to keep off envy's stinging,  
And find  
What wind  
Serves to advance an honest mind.  
If thou be'est born to strange sights,  
Thing invisible to see,  
Ride ten thousand days and nights,  
Till age snow white hairs on thee,  
Thou, when thou return'st, wilt tell me  
All strange wonders that befell thee,  
And swear  
No where  
Lives a woman true, and fair.  
If thou find'st one, let me know,  
Such a pilgrimage were sweet,  
Yet do not, I would not go,  
Though at next door we might meet,  
Though she were true, when you met her,  
And last, till you write your letter,  
Yet she  
Will be  
False, ere I come, to two, or three.

# Esperance Estates Meeting

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March 11, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 1:15PM and the roll called. The following Households were under numbers as of 2/12/00: An Teach (3), Baccus (3), Orion (0), Red Star (4), Stone Cutters (3), Wild Vines (2). Furthermore, the Barony Lagersuffer is under numbers (13), as is the County of Bastone (34). All other Households, Baronies, Counties, and Marches were in compliance with the by-laws. Thank you to our Steward for this information. A quorum was established with 39 of 52 estates present or proxied. Household numbers will be re-evaluated on 4/8/00 for the May Estates meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out (also printed in the February Chronique). Minutes were approved.

A reminder to all concerning the giving / receiving of receipts. All expenses must be backed up by receipts, and when you pay money you should expect receipts. This has become a problem at the Imperial level, and we do not wish to have problems here in Esperance.

Expenses were approved for the SOA in the sum of \$26.66. Some of this expense was for the 5 copies (3 color) required by the Imperial SOA office. These copies (and expenses) should be taken care of by the individual presenting the arms. Lord Davidignon was directed by the Estates to enforce this in the future.

It was also pointed out that as matter of Esperance Law, the Crown had been approved a certain amount of expense money each month. It was unclear as to what the level was (\$100 or \$200), or in which reign this became law. The Chancellor's office will report on this at the next Estates Meeting.

A copy of the Esperance Financial Statement for the year ending 12/31/99 was distributed by our Steward. A question was raised about Educational/Promotional expenses. These mainly involve printing/ mailing expenses about Events/Demos throughout the year. As of year end Esperance had \$2,596.83 "in the bank", with no monies owed or due from the Imperium relating to memberships.

The Crown had business in the form of the Corona Renaissance Faire. Including a 5 minute recess to discuss the proposals, the discussion

took about 40 minutes. In the end there were 2 motions: A) Should Esperance participate in the Corona Faire, and B) If so, allow the Crown (autocratting the event) to determine the fee structure for entrance / participation to cover our costs. Motion A passed 27-13, while Motion B passed 36-3. At this time it is the intention of the Crown to have a co-autocrat each day. This would be an Estate holder, who would be responsible for getting his/her people on site that day, for the entire day. The entire plan will be laid out by the Crown at the April event. All Estate holders can be sure that they will be contacted about the event in the next 30 days. Items of interest from the discussion were:

- We need to provide 2 people for Front Gate duty at some point each day.
- We need to have our gate guarded at all times.
- We need to have activities planned throughout the day.
- We need to have someone available at all times to educate the mundanes (other than our gate guard).
- We will have room for a backstage area, a kitchen area, table near the fence, and an erik.
- We must have people active in our area from opening to closing.
- We cannot "sell" out of our area. If you want to sell you have to make arrangements as a vendor.
- Various ideas on gatelisting were presented (from tight to loose control). The crown will present the final word on this in their overall plan.

After the recess Sir Galadon pointed out past problems in having steel fighters for the Battle Pageant. So far the Faire organizers have not asked us to provide these individuals. Otherwise, we will need at least 2 steel fighters every day for our own Demo purposes.

A ministers meeting was announced for April, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM. A big Thank You to Yvette McMahon for scribing this meeting.

# PROTECTION OF MINORS AND MEMBERS

Mundane law establishes the age at which a person may use tobacco or alcohol. Adria's policy is that no under-age person may use tobacco or alcohol (or be under the influence thereof) at an Adrian event site. No person shall use controlled substances or be under the influence thereof at an Adrian event site. No person shall use alcohol or be under the influence thereof at a dry site.

Any person who violates the above guidelines shall be asked to leave the event site. Those unable to leave on their own shall be taken off site to an appropriate location by another person as designated by the event autocrat or Crown or other member of appropriate authority. Inability to leave on one's own can be due to:

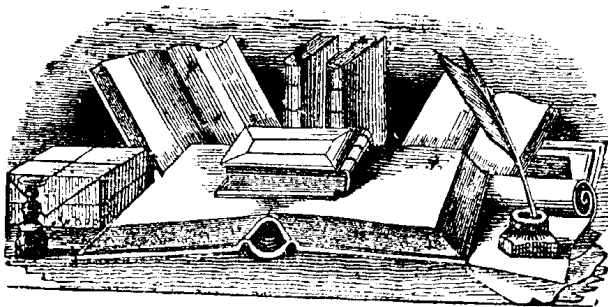
- 1) Too drunk to drive or walk
- 2) Dependent on another for a ride
- 3) Other

Minors may not spend the night at an Adrian event site unless accompanied by a responsible adult who shall not be under the influence of any judgment-inhibiting substances. Minors shall be supervised at all times by an adult. Minors found unsupervised shall be asked to leave along with the adult responsible for them. Adria has a system whereby a person may confidentially report to the Crown any improper sexual or violent activity. If the Crown finds there to be a reasonable suspicion that the report is accurate, the Crown may suspend the accused person from spending the night at Adrian event sites. The Crown, if local, shall notify the Imperial Crown, who shall determine whether the suspension shall apply Empire-wide. Spending the night at an Adrian event is a privilege, not a right, and thus, the accused need not be proven guilty in an Adrian or mundane

court. The accused may petition the appropriate Crown to revoke the suspension at any time. The accused retains all other rights under Adrian and mundane law. The entire process contained in this paragraph is confidential UNLESS LEGAL ACTION IS TAKEN (either in Adrian or mundane court). Neither the reporting person nor the accused may discuss the matter with anyone but the appropriate Crown. The Crown may only discuss the matter with the Imperial Crown and the individual parties. If the overnight suspension is to be applied Empire-wide, the Imperial Crown shall notify all local Crowns, who shall make disclosure to autocrats on a need-to-know basis.

The purpose of the previous paragraph is to provide the utmost protection without sacrificing for everyone the fun of overnight events. As being barred from an overnight event can be embarrassing and discouraging, ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH THE UTMOST CHIVALRY. It is best to conduct oneself in a manner such that there are no misunderstandings. Potential victims of sexual and violent attacks should protect themselves by avoiding vulnerable and private situations. Potential victims of vindictive false reports should take steps to protect themselves by doing the same. Be aware. Be careful.

The event autocrat(s) and sanctioning crowns are responsible to implement these rules. If members fail to cooperate, call the mundane authorities immediately. Use common sense. Act responsibly. Failure of an autocrat or sanctioning crown to follow these rules exposes the empire to liability. The empire shall hold personally and legally responsible any crown or autocrat who causes this to happen. These rules shall be published periodically, and shall be announced prior to all overnight events.



## ***The Year's at the Spring***

*By Robert Browning*

The Year's at the spring  
And the day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hillside's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in his heaven-  
All's right with the world!

*Contributed by Sire McKinnish*

# ***The Countess War***

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*By Dame Willow De Rara*

I want to thank everyone that attended the Countess War, we had a great time and could not have done it without your help. The setting was beautiful, with a castle backdrop for court and the HMS Hedgehog was visible in the distance and bright with banners courtesy of Lord Davidgnon. Dame Willow presented our autocrats with special thank you favors and said it was a group effort that each and everyone of these people spent not only their time, and lots of effort, but their money too, to make this fund-raiser event work. THANKS to Count Cromar, Countess Rosellen, Sire White Hawk, Sire McKinnish and of course our Queen Mother, Dame Willow.

At the end of Saturday the Count of Bastone, Lord Cromar, announced his new Countess would be Lady Rosellen. Congratulations, Countess Rosellen.

Our Queen Mom accepted another Lady-in-Waiting, Sire McKinnish.

Love was in the air. We had two more Barony of Vineland Ladies set on the road to courtship, White Hawk asked to court our new Countess Lady Rosellen and Baron William De Mild asked to court Baroness Lyrica Angeline. Earl Ce'Wolf posted first bands between him and Sire McKinnish. And I have heard rumors that another couple was started on the road of romance at this event, I will not say their names, because it is their right to announce it when and where they chose. All I can say to them is Good Luck and All the Best.

Sunday's demo was short because of the rain, but we still had time for combat, archery, and fun. Did everyone get a chance to see White Hawk's new portable castle? The brick work and stained-glass windows are not finished, and they are also waiting for the two towers that will hold a shower and a privy. It is not done, but it will be great when his decorator, Countess Rosellen finishes with it.

There were Shinai, Ren., Steel and Archery battles and an Arts Tourney too, what more can I say. We had some wonderful vendors with GREAT stuff, \$50 leather boots, \$60 swords, and more super bargains. We had a great Court site with a castle for our background, and both King Sir Vilhelm and Queen Dame Maedb were able to attend. What more can I say, we had two days of Warring and enjoyed the company of wonderful friends and made some new friends too.

## ***Announcement***

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I, Dame Willow de'Rara, Marquessa d'Aggravaine, Lady of Adria, Premier Comtessa, and Queen Mother of Esperance, do hereby declare, until Her Royal Majesty, Dame Maedb Hawkins Drakonja, is in full good health again (or as good as she can be), I give her my Lady-in-Waiting, Sire McKinnish, to be her Lady-in-Waiting and Sire McKinnish's primary duty is to see to our Queen's daily care and needs at all events.

Sire McKinnish's duties will include:

- I. Making sure HRM is in proper shade
- II. Making sure HRM has water and food
- III. Making sure HRM is sitting in a proper chair, with pillows and blankets or other covers as HRM health requires

IV. Make sure HRM is always escorted to the "Queens and Ladies" chamber

V. Run any errands that HRM deems necessary

VI. In short, to treat HRM as she would treat her own Lady, that being myself, Dame Willow.

In return, Sire McKinnish is to be treated with all of the respect and deference appropriate to the Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen of Esperance. We appreciate the cooperation of the populace in this matter.

Dame Willow de'Rara  
Queen Mother of Esperance  
Marquessa d'Aggravaine

## **Ministers' Reports**

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### **Minister of Joust and War**

This months report is a bit long. We're catching up on the combat activity in the Cantons. Please forgive us for our late reports and thank you for your patience.

Tara reports no combat tournaments in either February or March.

Aquitaine February combat report:

Shinai: Brian Thornton

Ren: Sir Troiano the Strong

Steel: None

Aquitaine March combat report:

Shinai: Bryce Boles

Ren: Sir Morgan McCanna

Steel: None

Aquitaine April combat report:

Shinai: None

Ren: HRM, Sir Vilhelm von Seiken

Steel: None

The March Esperance Crown event was autocratted by Sir Galadon Pendragon and, as usual, this added a different slant to the combat scenarios. Actually, Sir Galadon set up a tilt tournament. The combatants fought over a barrier with one foot stationary, while the other foot was allowed to move forward or backward.

March Crown event combat report:

Shinai: Wuner

Sergeant's Ren: Connor O'Riordan

Knight's Ren: Sir Galadon Pendragon

Steel: Squire Gregoire\*

\* Now steel was judged not just by the blow of the sword, but by chivalry and the overall style of battle, by four of the ladies of Esperance. Their unanimous selection was Squire Gregoire, now knight-candidate Gregoire. Squire Gregoire fought well and truly earned this last step to his knighthood.

Ah! But the ladies did not stop with judging the combat itself. During the course of their discussions, there were many comments about the "presence" of another figure on the field and they requested an honorable mention be given to Sir Troiano the Strong.

I would like to thank Sir Galadon for the different scenarios he brought to the event as autocrat.

As a word of caution, combatants, the weather is getting warmer and it appeared that only one combatant was prepared with extra water. Please do not rely on others to bring water for you.

Sir Troiano the Strong

Minister of Joust and War

### **Minister of Physicks**

While at the Terre Neuve Crown War, due to the fact that the Terre Neuve Physicker was on the battlefield, I treated His Grace, Sir Warhammer. Sir Warhammer was struck on the side of his back. I advised His Grace to go see a human doctor. Thank you!

Sire McKinnish

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## **Ministers' Reports**

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### **Sovereign of Arms**

Good Populace,

Unfortunately, I have been unable to produce a report for this month. Next month's report will include this month's activity. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause anyone. Please keep the submissions coming and don't forget that you can ask any member of the College of Arms for assistance and advice in preparing your arms and your submission.

Deo Et Patriae,

Lord Davidgnon, Embattled Hope King of Arms

### **Chancellor**

The Chancellor's Report is presented under the title *Esperance Estates Meeting* on page 2. Minutes were submitted by the former Deputy Chancellor and current Steward, Squire Ricardo Vittorio "Vino" Fanucchi.

### **Chronicler**

You've got my report in your hands! I do want to thank all of those who contributed to this month's Chronique. Your contributions are appreciated. We had an extra strong showing this month and the Chronique is longer than usual, extra thanks to all contributors.

For those of you who did not submit anything, get it in for the month of May! The deadline is the Saturday before the next Kingdom event. It's the easiest way to get into print!

### **Minister of Archery**

There was no report from the Minister of Archery this month.

### **Hospitaler**

The change in the position of Steward has prevented new member information from making its way to the Hospitaler's Office this month. A full report from the Hospitaler will be forthcoming next month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have cause and we appreciate your patience in the matter.

Sir Robert de la Fonteyne

### **Minister of Arts and Sciences**

There was only a single list this month with four entries. Next month's emphasis is on food and alchemy. Bring your food entries and a second entry to allow us to run two lists.

The entrants in the March tourney were, Sir Galadon Pendragon with a work in progress suit of gothic armor, Lord Davidgnon with a painted banner, Dame Katherine MacGuire of Terre Neuve with some black work stitching, and Jeffrey Small with a bardic (his first, an original poem!).

The winner was Sir Galadon with his suit of armor. No masterworks were awarded, though the armor was close!

Sir William Ce'Wolf

### **Minister of Rolls and Lists**

The change in the position of Steward has prevented the rolls information from reaching the Minister of Rolls and Lists this month. As the new Steward gets going, the information that passes through the Steward's Office will reach those other ministers who need it. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the absence of a report.

### **Steward**

We have changed Stewards this month and the new Steward is busy getting a grip on the office and the duties of the office. Expect regular reports from the Steward's office starting next month.

We also apologize for the problems the other ministers are experiencing because of the changes going on in the Steward's Office. We will get everything straightened out and all information passed on to the other ministers and to the populace as quickly as may be. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

### **Warden**

We also have a new Warden this month. Like the new Steward, the new Warden is getting a grip on the position and his duties. Expect regular reports from the new Warden beginning next month.

## **Special Events for April**

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**Aragon Fool's War** March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have only recently received verification from Aragon. This is an event to see! All reports say it is one of the most entertaining events of the year.

**Aquitaine Event**, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Aquitaine is sponsoring monthly collegia at their events. Conflicts with other events may postpone or eliminate the April collegium, so contact Dame Willow for more information. Crafts class: Barony & County Leather Rondells by Marquessa Willow

**Hemet Demo**, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Contact Sire White Hawk or Countess Rosellen at ROSELLEN1999@aol.com.

**North High School, Riverside Demo**, April 5<sup>th</sup>, contact Count Cromar or Marquessa Willow de'Rara at lordcromar2@netzero.net

**SORRY WE COULDN'T POST THESE EARLIER! GET YOUR DEMOS AND EVENTS TO ME EARLY FOR PUBLICATION!**

**Crown Event**, April 8<sup>th</sup>, artisans bring two entries please! Food and Alchemy is the theme for this month, so bring something to eat or drink and bring a second entry to flesh out a second list.

**Santa Ana Central Library Demo** Lord Davidgnon has arranged for Adria to put on a demo to "At-risk" children in central Santa Ana. The demo would be part of their sleep-over program and begins at 9:30 PM. Contact Lord Davidgnon for details.

**Corona Renaissance Faire** The estates voted and Esperance will be doing the Faire! Preparation should begin ASAP and the site will be receiving people who need to get some work done prior to the faire opening. Opening day is the 29<sup>th</sup>. Their majesties have a plan. Estates need to sign up for days or weekends that they will acts as co-autocrats with the crowns.

<b>April</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Aquitaine Event Aragon Fool's War?
2 Demo: Hemet	3	4	5 Demo: North HS, Riverside	6	7	8 Crown Event
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Canton of Tara Event Demo, Santa Ana Library
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Preparation for Corona!
23 Easter Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29 Corona Faire Begins
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## **Special Events for May**

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Suddenly, the May calendar is full! Corona Faire occupies every weekend and people will be needed for each of those weekends to help man the camp and keep the visitors occupied. If there are any other special events, demos, or activities, please get in touch with the Warden (and with me!).

**Aquitaine Event**, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Crafts class, 14th Century Paper Curling by Countess Rosellen

**East Redlands High School Demo**, May 7<sup>th</sup>, contact Marquessa Willow de'Rara at lordcromar2@netzero.net or Baroness Lyrica Angeline at talltunes@access1.net

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**Crown Event**, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Yes, the regular event will still take place and there will still be plenty of activity, though faire will undoubtedly draw off some of our talent. Artisans remember to bring two entries, one for the bardics list and one for the “other” list. That’s right, this month’s emphasis is on Bardics.

**Imperial Banner War** I haven’t heard anything specific about the banner war this year. Umbria won it last year and is hosting it this year. Look to Umbria for a site and other details, but now is the time to start planning! Last year, the Esperance army consisted of two people. Despite Faire, we would like to present a better showing this year!

<i>May</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Aquitaine Event Corona Faire
7 Corona Faire Demo: East Redlands HS	8	9	10	11	12	13 Crown Event Corona Faire
14 Corona Faire	15	16	17	18	19	20 Canton of Tara Event Corona Faire
21 Corona Faire	22	23	24	25	26	27 Corona Faire Banner War
28 Corona Faire Banner War	29 Corona Faire Banner War	30	31			

### ***Special Events for June***

**Crown Event**, June 10<sup>th</sup>, The first event following the Corona Faire. Come join the days activities in a less demanding environment. Artisans, we’re starting the round of arts categories again with an emphasis on fine arts this month. Bring two entries, one for each list.

**Castle War**. There is a tentative date set for a castle war, the brainchild of His Majesty. The date set is the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June. It will obviously be a weekend event and will feature a real castle built of hay bales. All battles will involve the castle. This is a fun war, so bring your weapons, your arts entries, and a willingness to fight on any side.

<i>June</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Aquitaine Event
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Crown Event
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Canton of Tara Event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Castle War?
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## ***Order of the Eye***

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The Order of the Eye is one of a series of special orders created to recognize the extra efforts of members of Adria and Esperance whose efforts need to be recognized, but whose actions may not directly earn points toward knighthood or another recognized title. This series is created to familiarize the members of the populace with the orders and their import, so that we can all properly recognize the achievements of our fellows.

### ***What is it?***

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For those extraordinary members of the Adrian Empire and Esperance who, through their dedication, have made significant contributions to the Kingdom of Esperance. Though their efforts have been behind the scenes, their work has not gone unseen by the Royal Crown.

### ***Requirements***

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This is an award given by the Royal Crown to acknowledge members of the populace who work long and hard behind the scenes. Often, the Crown relies on recommendations from their populace for this award.

There are three levels to the order:

- BROWN: Conveying favor
- GREEN: Conveying high favor
- BLUE: Conveying highest favor

### ***The Heraldry***

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A human eye, colored to correspond with the level of the award given, usually worn on a badge on the belt, and presented by the Crown giving the award.

### ***Members***

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There are many members of this order, with the awards being given since the Order's inception.

## ***Canton of Aquitaine - County of Bastone Event***

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*Submitted by Dame Willow de'Rara, Marquessa de Aggravaine*

On March 4th the Canton of Aquitaine and the County of Bastone held their March event. Count Cromar introduced his new Countess to the populace. Countess Rosellen then stepped down as Sire of House Archambault and Sire White Hawk was sworn in as the new house Sire. Countess Rosellen then took Baroness Lyrica Angeline as her new Lady-in-Waiting.

In Combat we had both Shinai and Ren. (and practice in steel). Sir Morgan MacCanna won the Ren tournament and Bryce Boles won in Shinai. Countess Rosellen taught the ladies how to

Crochet water bottle covers to help make us more period looking.

Jim and Jeannie Durbin came out to pick up the money for Ronald McDonald House. You would have thought we were giving them a million dollars as happy as they were. After talking with them Baroness Lyrica and Marquessa Willow have agreed to set up a demo at their 5th annual Relay for Kids day (see the calendar for May on pages 6 and 7). It sounds like a great day full of fun and people. COME ON OUT.

# Chamomile

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by Aifa, the Rowan

## **Chamaemelum nobile (Anthemis Nobilis)**

The Egyptians dedicated chamomile to the sun and worshipped it above all other herbs for its healing properties, while Greek physicians prescribed it for fevers and female disorders. Among the Nine Sacred Herbs of the Lacnunga, an ancient Anglo-Saxon manuscript, chamomile is the “Maythen.” Many believe it can cure anything—like a European ginseng. Moreover, chamomile has inspired a proverb about energy in adversity, “like a chamomile bed, the more it is trodden, the more it will spread.”

Extracts of the plant or the oil have three primary uses: anti-inflammatories for skin afflictions and mucous membranes, antispasmodics for treating indigestion, menstrual cramps, and the like, and anti-infectives for minor illnesses. Use the flower as a tea for a general tonic and sedative (good for restless children and nightmares). Use it as a compress to treat wounds and eczema. Use it in your bath to relieve sun or wind burn. The relaxing aroma was also once inhaled as snuff or smoked to relieve asthma and cure insomnia. At beauty salons, chamomile tea is often served to relax facial muscles.

NOTE: Tea made from chamomile contains pollen and can cause allergic reactions. People who have known allergies to ragweed, chrysanthemums, and other members of that family should use caution.

Chamomile makes a soothing bath, or infuse some as a facial steam and hand soak to soften and whiten skin. Make an eye bath or compress to reduce inflammation and eliminate fatigue shadows. Boil the flowers for 20 minutes and use regularly as a rinse for hair to lighten, condition, and bring golden highlights to brown hair; combined with neutral henna, it adds highlights to very dark hair.

Chamomile will revive a failing plant if planted near it. Infuse it in water and spray it on seedlings to prevent “damping off”. You can also spray the infusion on compost to activate decomposition.

You can boil the flower for a strong yellow-brown dye. Chamomile is also valued for its sweet, apple-scented leaves. In a popular gardening book of 1638, William Lawson wrote of the “large walks, broad and long, like the Temple groves in Thessaly, raised with gravel and sand, having seats and banks of Chamomile—all this delights the mind and brings health to the body.” It is the apple fragrance which makes it wonderful for potpourri, herb pillows, and dried flower arrangements.

And I have a personal favorite: combine a regular tea (any pekoe blend is fine) with peppermint or a combination of mints and chamomile flowers for a refreshing iced tea.

*Disclaimer:* this information is purely for entertainment purposes and is not to be construed as medical advice. Always consult your physician before proceeding with any new medical treatment.

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## **Ronald McDonald House Visits Canton**

By Dame Willow De Rara

At the March 4th event for the Canton of Aquitaine two lovely people visited us from the Ronald McDonald House's "Do Gooder's Pot Luck Club," Jim and Jeannie Durbin. We had pictures taken while they were being presented with a BIG check from Esperance for \$862, which were the proceeds from our Countess War Weekend. Marquessa Willow de'Rara announced to the populace at large that we made a total of \$1012.00 in total earnings at the Countess War (\$150.00 went to Tom and Pat to pay for the site). Jim and Jeannie Durbin were delighted to receive the money on behalf of the Ronald MacDonald House of Loma Linda.

For our monthly Arts and Crafts class, Countess Rosellen taught us all to crochet water bottle covers. The intent was to help us all disguise our modern water bottles to improve our period appearance without losing the convenience of modern bottling. Countess Rosellen also took Baroness Lyrica Angeline as her Lady-in-Waiting. Court Herald White Hawk received a new blue velvet Heralds tabard and was sworn in as the Sire of House Archambault. The winners in combat were Bryan Thornten in Shinai and Troy Coe in Ren.

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