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Guild Newsletter

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February 2017

Welcome to the 2017 season, St. Andrew's! Below is the calendar for March and April. Pray heed the dates as these events are quickly approaching! For events beyond April, please refer to our web calendar at...

http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/calendar/

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | TIME | |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| March 8 | LOAD UP | Holyroodhouse, Escalon, CA | 6:30 pm | |
| March 9 | Set-up (HRM set-up) | Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA | 2:00 pm | |
| March 10 | Sonora Family/School Day ~and~ | Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA | 9:00 am to 4:30 pm | |
| | Finish Set-up | | | |
| March 11-12 | Sonora Celtic Faire | Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA | 9:00 am to 6:00 pm | |
| March 13 | UNLOAD | Holyroodhouse, Escalon, CA | 6 : 0 0 p m | |
| March 30 | LOAD UP | Holyroodhouse, Escalon, CA | 6:30 pm | |
| March 31 | Set-up (partial) | Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont, CA | 4:00 pm | |
| April 1 | EBSA Tartan Day Scottish Faire | Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont, CA | 9:30 am to 6:00 pm | |
| April 2 | UNLOAD | Holyroodhouse, Escalon, CA | Time TBA @ Tartan Day | |
| April 14 | Excelsior Middle School | 14301 Byron Highway, Byron, CA | Time TBA | |
| April 29-30 | WALKABOUT- Sacramento Valley ScottishGames & Festival | Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland, CA | 9:00 am to 6:00 pm (Sat) 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Sun) | |







SONORA LODGING TIPS



he following hotels have indicated a
discounted rate during the Sonora Celtic faire:
Inns of California
Aladdin Inn
Best Western

Each establishment discounts only a limited number of rooms during faire weekend. At this late date, they may have sold out of these discounted rooms but if you still need a hotel, it's worth a phone call.

Sonora Check-In and Actor's Camp Info

Thursday: 9am-8pm (Front entrance gate front of John Muir Building) set -up and check in

Friday: 7:30am-8pm Back gate-

Note: there will be no drive on to the participant camping area to drop off camping gear. The fencing will be open at around 7pm to drive on. You can walk in your tent camping supplies if you want before 7pm.

Note: There will be no participant parking in the back gate lot unless you were given a pass on Thurs. On Friday the back lot is a paid parking lot, so you have the option to pay for parking.

Sat. Check-in only: (Front Gate) 8am-noon- NOTE: Due to limited parking, there is no guarantee for a parking pass at the overflow participant lot. It is best to find legal parking on the street or use a paid lot. If you are in need of participant camping you will not be

able to drive on until after closing the Ceili at 10pm to set up tent camping.

Sun Check in only: (Front Gate) 9am-noon- Parking same as above for Sat. Check in

These times are set and you must follow them. Participants who show up after check in times end will have to pay full gate fees, unless otherwise arranged prior to the event.

What to Expect at Check in:



- ** electricity is first come first serve for tent camping @ \$10 per night pre-paid, there are no extension cord sharing for multiple tents. All RV/Trailer camping MUST be reserved through faireteam@gmail.com- limited spaces and limited electric/water hook-ups- All spaces are \$25 per night per space with or without hookup to be paid in advance. All RV's must be there by Thursday 7pm.
- v You will need a picture ID card to check-in
- v You will be given a wristband (if lost please inform security or faire staff immediately) Wristbands MUST be worn at all times. v Parking Passes will be given upon arrival according to the availability of parking on site all others will be given overflow lot until full. After that you will have to find legal parking or use one of the paid parking lots when they are open for business and pay for parking.
- v Sleeping in Vehicle You will be given a pass for participant camping area, note you if you need to get in and out of participant camping, you will need to move your vehicle out of camping area before they close up the gate in the early morning, if not you will not be able to get your vehicle out until closing time again. You can leave you car in the camping area the whole time if you don't need in and out.
- v ABSOLUTELY NO Vehicles to be parked in the barns. Please follow parking instructions given by the security team.





OTHER HOUSEHOLD TRAININGS



As of this writing, no other household trainings have been scheduled. Please contact your Head of Household for information regarding the annual training for your house. St. Andrew's looks forward to each member receiving the latest information and the best tools with which to perform their role.

Noble Household Training Date!

Hear ye, hear ye!

All members of Noble Household! The pleasure of your company is required March 11^{th} from 7-9 pm (Saturday night after faire) at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, Sonora. We are meeting in the Pine Tree Restaurant banquet room on the hotel premises for our yearly training. Bring your ideas, questions and appetites. The address is:

19601 Hess Ave, Sonora, CA, Phone (209) 536-6065

If you have any questions, contact Lady Morna MacGregor at lady_morna@yahoo.com or Lady Jean Hepburn at pheathpublic@comcast.net

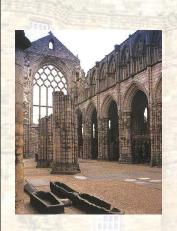


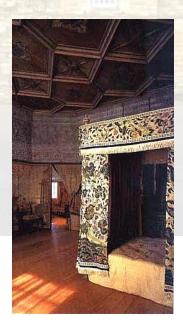
Guild House Meetings

Join Her Grace and Lord Argyll in Escalon, and Dame Morna in Martinez for an evening of socializing and learning about garb, history, language and other exciting aspects of 16th century life and about Renaissance faires! These members have generously opened their homes to fellow guild mates and those interested in learning more about St. Andrew's. Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Please contact the Guild House Lairds and Chatelaines at the email addresses below PRIOR to attending a meeting to verify dates, times, and locations.

- *Date TBD & Time 7:30 pm Martinez Guild House, Martinez lady morna@yahoo.com
- * Wednesday TBD, 6:00 pm Lowlands Guild House, Escalon Modesto@saintandrewsquild.org







Your humble scribe welcomes comments and submissions for future issues.



our most humble scribe has chosen
the Palace of Holyroodhouse as the topic of this month's missive.
You may have noticed a watermark image gracing the pages of
the newsletter you are presently reading. Much has been written over the
centuries about this, the favorite residence of our beloved Queen, Mary
Stuart. Holyroodhouse is a Scottish national treasure, located at the
bottom of the Royal Mile opposite Edinburgh Castle. As one might
expect, it is home to glorious chambers, apartments and grounds,
befitting kings and queens.

Yet much more lives within these walls. Here, a young queen faced formidable challenges and mounting conspiracies. Plots, questionable choices and tragedy line the halls like wall paper.

I will not attempt to tell the history of this magnificent palace. Even mere highlights of its sordid past could fill pages. However, I will include this simple story as to how Holyroodhouse received its name.

"Legend tells how King David I was hunting in the woodland that once covered the area, when he was attacked by a stag. A silver cloud appeared in the sky from which descended a holy cross. At the sight of this, the stag fled and in acknowledgement of this miracle, King David founded the Monastery of the Holy Rood. The year was 1128, and it is from this time that Edinburgh's tumultuous religious history grew. It was not long before the humble monastery had grown into an abbey and the lives of an illustrious trail of Scottish monarchs became entwined with this place."

And the rest, as they say, is history.









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