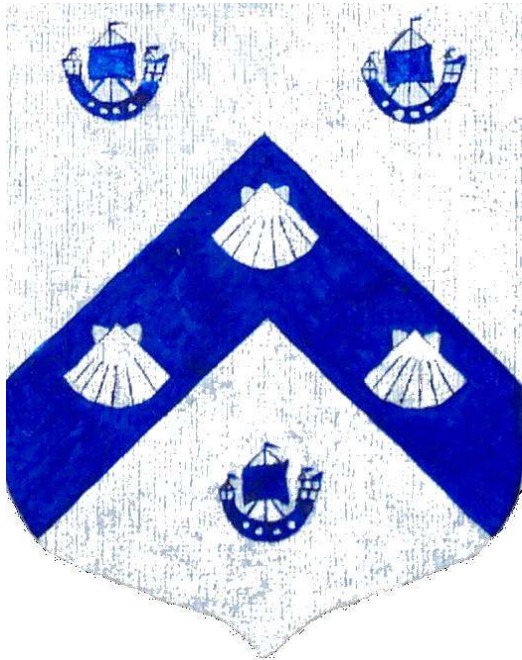
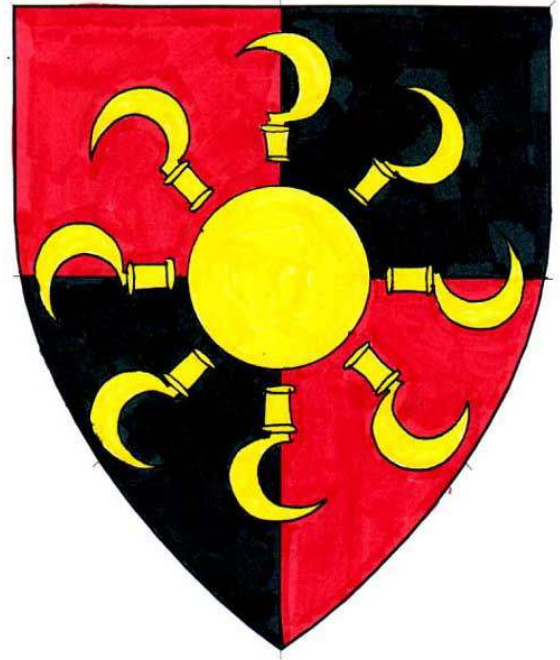


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Griffin Le Grey

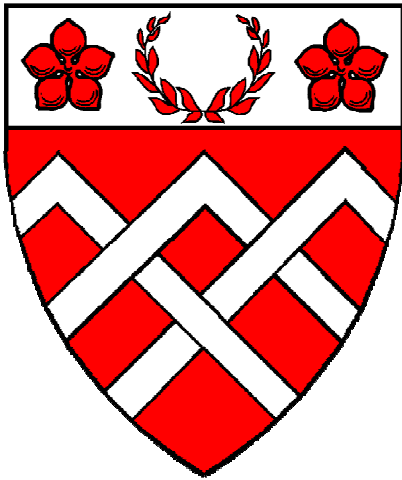
Argent on a chevron between three  
ships in full sail azure three escallops  
argent



The newly passed device of  
Petr Kotok

Quarterly gules and sable, a bezant  
between eight sickles, hafts to center,  
in annulo Or.

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*Gules, three chevronels braced and  
on a chief argent a laurel wreath  
between two cinquefoils gules.  
(Device was registered in December  
1993 via the East Kingdom.)*

## The Shire of Sylvan Glen

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*Chronicler's Note:* There will be no August edition of The Apple Press due to Pennsic.

## July Events

11 – 13	Storvik Novoice and Unbelted Tourney	Barony of Storvik, Atlantia
12	Children's Event	Barony of Delftwood
25 – Aug. 10	Pennsic War XXXVII	Kingdom of Aethelmarc, RP, HP

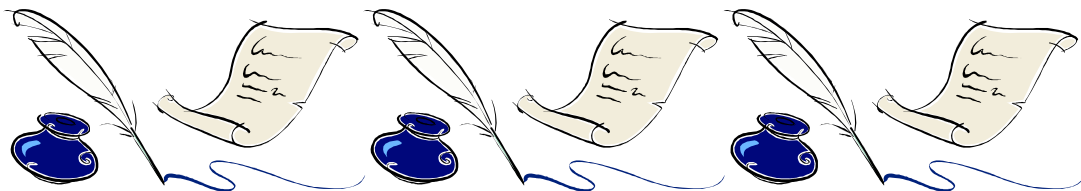
## August Events

16	Post Pennsic Dessert Revel	Barony of Stovik, Atlantia
23 – 24	Rome Renaissance Fest	Shire of Coppertree
29 – Sept. 1	A Shoote in the Wild Woods	Barony of Delftwood

RP = Their Majesties Progress, HP = Their Highnesses Progress

## Happenings in the Shire

Congratulations to our chronicler Lady Hrefna Ulfvarinnsdottir for picking up a kingdom award, the Sylvan Quill, for her article in the Newcomer's Corner, "What Is Pennsic?" This piece tied for first place with two other articles. It will go on to compete in the Society wide Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of chroniclers and newsletter contributors. Winners of the Blackfox awards will be announced at Pennsic.



## June Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

Griffin Kathleem Rachael Bera Margarita Jason Mariia Petr Jason  
Gillian Rosamund Vincenzo Beth Kalli Zafira Grimolfr Hrefna Jolene

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm

Jason asked if the shire would be interested in moving the shire meeting to his and Jolene's house rather than at the community room. Their house has drinks, a bathroom, and a play room in the basement for the kids. The shire decided to think it over and vote on it at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, the second Tuesday of the month, due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

### Officers' Reports

Exchequer—Griffin reported that the shire has a balance of \$4466.24 and Siege of Glengary has one reservation so far.

Heavy Marshal—Report delivered by Kalli. Practice on May 31 went well. Future practices will be every Sunday unless Klaus posts otherwise. The shire has 3 new fighters: Duff, Margarita, and Gwyllym. Vincenzo inquired about authorizing and the group informed him of the upcoming War College and provided him with directions to the event.

Youth Marshal—Report delivered by Mariia. Youth practice is still on track. We have several kids showing up at each practice.

Fencing Marshal—Jason delivered the report. Fencing is going well. We have new youth fencers coming soon. We are working on getting authorizations in time for Siege of Glengary. Mariia will post to the home school list when Bri is ready for youth.

Thrown Weapons—Rosamund delivered the report. Practice keeps getting rained out, but turnout has been good on the days weather has allowed practice. Steve always has loaner gear and he knows places where people can get discounts on equipment.

Archery Marshall—Rosamund says Seamus will resume practice when interest picks up. He has loaner gear, too.

Arts and Sciences—Beth reported the bloomer class was a big hit. The next class will be a duct tape dress form at Rosamund's house on 6-27 at 1pm at Rosamund's house. Vincenzo will be teaching.

Petr will be teaching a class on non-alcoholic drinks. Date to be determined, but will try for a date in July.

Beth also wants to offer a tunic making class with speed sewing.

The next scribal dates are 6-13-08 at 7pm and 7-19-08 at 1pm in the community room.

Herald—Bera reported that the herald is behind. She has been travelling a great deal.

Web Minister—Web site is up and newsletter has been posted.

Old Business

Siege of Glengary—Margarita has delivered many, many invitations for the event.

We will resume cookouts at fighter practice, with the first one being on 6-8-08. Bring your favorite potluck dish and your own drinks.

Yard Sale and Shed Raising—The shire shed raising will be held on August 30 at Bera's house. We will also be holding the shire yard sale on the same day and in the same place. We will be having food, probably another cookout. Contact Bera or Hrefna about dropping off your donations.

Defenders Tourney—Beth wants to autocrat the next Defenders Tourney. She has friends who want to renew their vows at the event. She would also like to move the event to another site. Motion was made and carried for Beth to be the autocrat.

The next mead birthday party will be held on 7-18 starting at 3 pm at Kalli's. We will also be having a cordials class and barbecue.

The shire wants to proceed with a black and white pamphlet. Petr and Hrefna will work on designs in addition to Jason's.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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### A Book Review by Lady Mariia Kotok

*The Pillars of the Earth* is a historical novel I picked up recently. It was written by Ken Follett. It follows the lives of some folk in a few different families who wound up all being involved with each other and the building of a cathedral in Kingsbridge, England. It is set in the middle of the 12th century, primarily during the time known as The Anarchy, between the time of the sinking of the White Ship and the murder of Thomas Becket.

While the book does chronicle the development of Gothic Architecture and the fortunes of the Kingsbridge priory against the backdrop of actual historical events of the time it also gives what seems to be a very realistic portrayal of life in that time and place. It gives details of the lives of the poor as well as the gentry and shows how easily one could be changed from one category to the other. Although Kingsbridge is the name of a real English town, the Kingsbridge in the novel is NOT about that Kingsbridge. It is set in a fictional location and is representative of a typical town of the time.

I think any SCA reader would find this novel fascinating for its wealth of detail. Although it is fiction, it is still a great read and may be a source of relevant information for persona development. I would have liked to have seen a resource bibliography included but unfortunately there is none.

Until this novel was published, Follett had previously been known for writing thrillers. *The Pillars of the Earth* which started as a bit of a sleeper has now become Follett's best-selling work. The book was listed #33 on the BBC's Big Read. The book was also selected for Oprah's Book Club in 2007.