

**Heralds' Point:
The Occasional Journal for the College of Heraldry of Atlantia**

From the Editor:

Unto all who read this missive, now and in the future, from Pedro de Alcazar, the editor of *Heralds' Point*, greetings!

The release of this issue of *Heralds' Point* coincides with the summer solstice. When summer comes, so do the threats of dehydration and hyperthermia. While our comrades on the fighting field are usually the ones considered as being prone to these dangers, we must not assume that we are immune. Remember the college's slogan: Water is your friend!

New Wreath Sovereign of Arms to Take the Helm in July

For two years, the office of Wreath Sovereign of Arms has been held by residents of our land. Next month, at the Known World Heraldic Symposium in the Outlands, the office will leave Atlantia, and go to Baroness Jeanne Marie LaCroix of Caid. The office of Laurel Sovereign of Arms has already been transferred from Master Fancois de la Flamme to Countess Elisabeth de Rossignol earlier this year. The change of office next month brings a new team to work at the very top of the SCA's heraldic establishment.

The new team has one veteran sovereign of arms, Mistress Margaret, who is currently Pelican, but Countess Elisabeth and Baroness Jeanne Marie have served their homelands of An Tir and Caid as top-level heralds for several years. "Heralds' Point" wishes the new Laurel team the best of luck, and would like to thank the current Wreath, Mistress Gwenllian ferch Maredudd, for her great work.

Heralding at Pennsic

Although Atlantia is not one of the "big 3" Pennsic kingdoms (the Midrealm, the East, and Aethelmearc), Atlantians have always gone to Pennsic. Many of us look forward to it as a time when we can leave a lot of the trappings of our day-to-day lives and "come home".

Please consider giving your once-a-year neighbors a little of your time and come to Heraldry Point at Pennsic. Heraldry Point will open for business on the tenth (Land Grab Wednesday) and close on the nineteenth (Friday of War Week). Except for the tenth, eleventh, thirteenth, and seventeenth, Heraldry Point will be open from eleven to five. On those days, Heraldry Point's operating hours will be confined to the afternoon.

If you like voice heraldry, help keep everyone informed by making announcements all over Pennsic. The refreshments some encampments offer a thirsty herald can be legendary.

If book heraldry is more your style, come sit at the consulting tables. Many of the best libraries of the Laurel Kingdoms contribute to the tables at Pennsic, and some of the best heralds are going to be captaining the tables. This is a great time to sharpen the skills that you need for consulting.

Also, if you didn't have a chance to go to any of the meetings of the Wreath Queen of Arms while she was in northern Atlantia, the Sovereigns of Arms customarily hold a joint meeting at Pennsic. While they say that one should never see sausage being made if one wishes to keep one's appetite for them, the same is not true for heraldry. Also, there will be classes at Heralds' Point every morning, before Heralds' Point will open for business that day.

Point of Fact

Heralds have sometimes been accused of thinking sideways, but sometimes, we're just upside down! The proper orientation of horseshoes in heraldry isn't "U up", to keep in the good luck, but "U down"!

Heraldry is an art as old as Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, and as young as the newest submission. I welcome you to join in exploring it with your colleagues, the heralds of Atlantia- this is *your* journal. If you have always wanted to write an article that would be read by every Atlantian herald, if you have a question you would like to ask of all the heralds of Atlantia, send me a message at pedro@scadian.net! I would prefer that any articles or other messages come as plain text (ASCII), as opposed to HTML or some other format. Thank you!

In Service,
Pedro de Alcazar, Drekkar Herald

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