

# August 2023 Østgarðr Officer Reports

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## Viceregens • Sofya & Angelica

### Pennsic

What is there NOT to say? Since the last Commons meeting, and for some time before, those of us planning on going underwent the typical 'Pennsic Panic', of last minute garb making, armor/protective gear tune-ups, and packing. Face it, Pennsic is the big cheese of all SCA events and we in Ostgardr are fortunate to be close enough that many of us can attend. Condolences to those who were unable to attend, and had to be content with Pennsic Pity Parties.

Great contributions were made to Ostgardr's Pennsic Camp infrastructure/set up by old-hands and newcomers alike. The shower project contributors for materials purchase, transport, component construction, painting, staining, and plumbing included massive amounts of time and labor by Mathghamhain, Simon Tanner, Pia, Catelin, Li Chang, Alax, and Alienor. New flags, banners, standards and pennons representing Ostgardr and its cantons of Broken Bridge, Lions End, Northpass and Whyt Whey (soon to be Appleholm) were made and mounted for proud display at camp. Li Xia created AND CAST the gorgeous seahorse gnomon for the new sundial (the wood of the numbered dial of sufficient age to have been growing in period) for the Vicereine's Garden. The garden was also beautifully graced by flowering roses and admired by many passers-by.

Our camper members volunteered in and out of camp, raised then struck our huge heavy Green & White tent, dug (then later filled) huge sump and cooking pits, put up sheet walls, assisted others with their tents, cooked, cleaned, fought with honor and skill, supported fighters in the field, danced, sang for the Pennsic Known World Choir, performed for the Janissary Band, had brewing paneled, taught and attended classes, performed at Samson's Chivalry vigil on next to no notice, played, sang and piped beautifully at our own and various camp Bardics, Thursday of War Week gave us a marvelous Potluck followed by Provincial Court. Collectively we survived heat and cold and torrential rains. A marvelous time was had by all.

Well deserved recognitions in Court included

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- East Kingdom's Silver Crescent, by Ibrahim al-Rashid
- Ostgardr's Seahorse, by Hrefna Aronsson
- Ostgardr's Sea Dog, by Arnora Ketilsdóttir
- Ostgardr's Silver Lantern, by Lada Monguligin

### New Responsibilities undertaken by

- White Belt of the Chivalry by Our former Armored Champion, Samson of Ireland
- Red Belt / Squire to Count Sir [Ryouko'jin Of-The Iron-Skies](#) - Albrecht Anker
- Blue Belt / Man at Arms to Count Sir Ozzur - Ragnarr Bliskegg
- Green Belt / Apprentice to Master Estgar æt Hrofecestre - Brandr Aronsson
  
- Lada Monguligin won a Durga for single handedly downing a Knight
- Perez ben Meir Gershon represented Ostgardr as an Unbelted Champion.

Thanks to all for their contributions to a fantastic Pennsic 50!

### Ostgardr August Arts and Crafts night is canceled.

We will resume in September. If you would like to teach a class, please get in touch with Sofya. Classes can be virtual!

Rumor has it that a certain Laurel in Whyt Whey/Appreholm may be developing some musical A&S sessions.

### Events Coming Soon to an Area Near You!

- Saturday August 26th our near and dear neighbors of An Dubh host **Arrows, Axes, & Ales**. Subtitled: I drink and I throw things. What could go wrong? More seriously, it is always a fun event.  
<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4164>
- Saturday September 2nd **Our own Barleycorn**, chock full of Ostgardian Championship contests is coming up fast on! Register! Volunteer!  
<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4174>
  
- Saturday September 16th, The Shire of Midland Vale - Port Jervis, NY hosts **The Ducal Challenge**, a favorite fighting event.  
Rattan and Rapier fighters come together in celebration of trying something new or showing off their versatility. Each combatant for the tournament will

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bring a prize, a piece of art they've made or commissioned.

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4181>

### Other Near-ish Events

- Sunday September 3rd, Bhakail Champions
- Saturday September 9th, Carolingia 50th Year Celebration
- Saturday September 16th, Barony of Carillion enjoys having volunteers to be with them at the Lakewood Ren Faire.

Your Viceregents are proud of all that Ostgardr and our friends, neighbors, and allies have accomplished this past month, and look forward to seeing the continued flowering of our own Current Middle Ages. Vivant!

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## Seneschal • Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi

I dispatched a reminder to the EK Exchequer regarding the signatory changes request for Østgarðr's bank account. I acknowledge that life can sometimes lead to oversight of emails, especially in the midst of a deluge of messages. It's disheartening to witness the struggles faced by this beloved Kingdom in fulfilling what should be a straightforward appeal.

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## Exchequer • Alienor Salton

*No report.*

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## Herald • Drasma Dragomira

A court was held at Pennsic a couple of days ago, where many things of both serious and not so serious nature took place. I have filed the official court report with Kingdom but am working on the report to share with the populace; that should be done in the next couple of days.

I have also just filed the Q3 Herald's quarterly report with Kingdom as well.

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As always, if you're looking for help in submitting names or armory, feel free to reach out to me. This Pennsic will absolutely extend the time to registration, but they can always be sent in.

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### **Chatelaine • Albrecht Anker**

*No report.*

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### **Chancellor Minor • Kunigunde Wedemann**

I have nothing to report for the past month. I will be in charge of youth non-fighter activities at Barleycorn this year.

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### **Arts & Sciences • Brandr Aronsson**

Nothing to report.

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### **Armored Combat • Ervald LaCoudre**

*No report.*

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### **Fencing • Alec MacLachlan**

We had fencing practice at McCarren Park until Pennsic. Got some new fencers. Usually had 2-6 fencers. I just sent in my Quarterly fencing report. Fencing practice will resume on 8/22.

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### **Minister of Lists • Vitasha Ivanova doch'**

There has been no activity to report for the MoL.

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### **Webminister • Friderich Grimme**

Now that I am back from Pennsic, I will be putting together a website for Barleycorn. I'll be reaching out to the autocrats for what information they want included.

I am also behind on posting past commons minutes, and I hope to have that completed prior to our commons on Wednesday (though not promising).

Officers, please take a minute to make sure any activities you are running are updated on the Ostgardr google calendar. If you need help accessing or posting activities, please let me know.

And as always, I am looking for people interested in taking over as Provincial webminister when I step down in December.

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### **Chronicler • Zahra de Andaluzia**

*No report.*

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### **Historian • Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin**

*No report.*

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### **Social Media • Lada Monguligin**

We had one of our FB/IG posts from Pennsic picked up by SCA social.

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Big thank you to Ragnarr, Li Xia and Alienor for pics for our social media.

Still looking for folks to record history factoids series. This will be filmed by phone in vertical format. If you want to contribute please let me know.

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### **Whyt Whey • Alienor Salton**

*No report.*

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### **Lions End • Iola Wulfsdotter**

Nothing to report.

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### **Brokenbridge • Arnora Ketilsdottir**

Meeting next monday Aug 21 at 8pm. Hopefully it will actually happen despite their negligent seneschal. I collected the Bb sheet wall from EK Royal to get spruced up and cleaned a bit. Nothing else to report.

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### **Northpass • Meadhbh MacPhárlain**

A business meeting will be held before the end of August. The initial location selected for an in-person/remote meeting has more limited availability than anticipated, so right now we are not certain of the exact nature of the meeting. A decision will be made by the end of this week.

We have nothing additional to report at this time.