

**Dabblers Guild Meeting**  
**April 23, 2005**  
**Canton of Distant Shore**

In attendance:

Lady Janet Kempe (Nicole Chaffey) – Guild Mistress  
Mistress Elizabeth Darnley (Sarah Paterson) – Treasurer  
Lady Zaneta Gavlinne Angiolieri (Susan Richter) – Secretary

Baroness Esperanza  
Mi'Lady Mary Elizabeth  
Baron Jorg  
Lady Tarazed  
Mistress Lyanna

Mi'Lady Cornelia  
Lady Alessandra  
Mistress Gwenhwyfar  
Lady Martoni

Mistress Elena  
Lady Isa  
H. L. Yesungge  
Lady Elisa

1. This is the first "official" meeting of the guild. A meeting was held in February but low attendance made it difficult to address a number of issues.
2. The Dabblers Guild worked to complete a full 7 piece set of feast gear to present to their Excellencies at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baronial Investiture of L'ile du Dragon Dormant. The items were produced at the Clay Café and featured the IDD colors of Purple with Gold fleur-de-lis. A promisory note was also presented for table linens and a table front, which are due to be produced by the members of the Ruantallan Athena's Thimble. The gifts were presented on behalf of the people of Ruantallan.
3. The charter needs to be signed by the current Baron and Baroness. The charter will be presented to their Excellencies at the MayDay event for signing. Lady Janet read through the copy of the charter.
4. The Guild is now taking requests for classes/workshops and accepting offers from people who wish to teach. The list of classes currently of interest include:
  - Lady Isa – a pewter making workshop in June
  - Mistress Gwen – a ruff making class (must be in June)
  - Lady Elise and Lord Gilbert – a metal working class (date TBA)
  - Mi'Lady Cornelia's mother offered to teach spinning, dying and weaving
  - Lady Joane Stewart – mead making
  - H.L. Yesungge – Food handling and budgeting
  - Mistress Lyanna – a heraldry workshop this summer
  - Mistress Bess – a padded gambison workshop
  - Lady Estela – modern pattern manipulation
  - Lord Varenko – shoes (next fall)

Other classes of interest – dancing, calligraphy and illumination and herbology.

The first workshop of the Dabblers Guild was held on April 2-3 weekend, and was a corset workshop hosted by Mistress Bess and Lady Janet.

5. Suggested by Lady Janet that a short list of SOP's be compiled for the Dabblers Guild regarding terms of office and such. Suggestions for the SOP's should be sent to Lady Janet on or before May 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. A review of possible facilities available for scholas was conducted:  
Mistress Bess'

MFRC  
Firehall  
Gidden's Lodge  
Lady Elise's

The group was interested in trying to find facilities at as low a cost as possible.

7. Banners – The Dabblers Guild has banners of the devices of people in the Barony whose arms have passed. The purpose of the banners initially was to serve as a Roll of Baronial Citizens. However, there are a number of banners done which people do not wish them to be hung and have requested they not be. In addition, there may be banners produced and which are not permitted to be hung.

A discussion regarding how to proceed with the production of banners took place. Options included the possibility of collecting waivers and/or permission forms. However, it was agreed that it seemed a waste of time and resources to produce banners that will never be displayed.

Baron Jorg suggested perhaps a domesday book or roll could be produced with people's arms and brought to all events to serve as a roll of the Baronial citizens.

It was also suggested by Mistress Elena, Mistress Lyanna and Lady Isa that perhaps banners for cantons, baronies, kingdom, and positions could be constructed for display purposes instead of personal devices, thereby meeting the goal of hall decoration, while not intruding upon the personal devices of individuals. Mistress Elena also suggested the Dabblers Guild produce a banner with their device, which has now been passed.

Further, it was suggested that banners currently constructed, be offered for purchase to the individuals whose arms they display, as a fundraiser, and they would therefore take responsibility for them. In addition, the Dabblers Guild could be commissioned to paint banners for individuals wishing them, for a small fee, which would also serve as a fundraiser for the guild.

**A call to vote to amend the charter to remove the ending of the line regarding the painting of banners for individuals with their arms passed. Instead the charter would read that it is a goal of the Dabblers Guild to create banners to decorate our halls. Thereby removing any reference to what kind of banners the Dabblers Guild is responsible to produce**

**VOTE: 15 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain**

**A call to vote to produce a book form for the rolls ethereal:**

**VOTE: 15 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain**

8. As a service to the Barony it was recommended that the Dabblers Guild try and give a short ½ hour newcomers talk. Lady Isa thought that trying to match up newcomers with experienced SCA participants was a good idea. H.L. Yesungge is currently working on programs to assist in making newcomers feel welcome and give them the information they need. It was agreed that the Dabblers Guild would relinquish any responsibility for this process currently to the Baronial Chatelaine, H.L. Yesungge.
9. Mistress Bess reported that a bank account has now been set up and the current balance is \$112.13
10. Lady Gavlinne and Mistress Bess will be co-autocratting the Northern Shores Rattan & A&S competition in November and would like to offer the sideboard of the day to the

Dabblers Guild as a fundraiser. The Dabblers Guild will be looking for volunteers to make food as well as run the sideboard that day. Lady Mary Elizabeth and Lady Isa both volunteered. All profits would be put toward the Dabblers Guild.

**A vote to accept the offer to run the sideboard was put forth**

**VOTE: 15 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain**

11. Camping Cloaks for the Baron and Baroness are now complete and lined. Hemming is still to be completed, and then the cloaks will be passed on to those who will be embroidering the arms on.
12. Lady Elise suggested an internal ranking system, much like that of Athena's Thimble. There was a concern that a ranking system would frighten away participants, and that unlike the Athena's Thimble where you achieve your rank based on perfecting certain skills, the Dabblers Guild promotes "dabbling" in varied arts. It was agreed that the group would not institute an internal ranking system at this time.
13. A request to try and ensure that the classes are in varying forms and aren't all costuming, metal work, etc. Therefore encouraging the "dabblers" premise.
14. Baron Jorg suggested compiling a database of sources of "experts" or individuals proficient in certain A&S skills. Lady Janet reminded everyone present that the yahoo group has a built in database for members to put up their skill sets.
15. Pennsic attendees were encouraged to bring back information for scholas and classes.
16. Mercia Cross will be holding a camp invitational on the Natal Day Weekend – the theme of which is Gladiatorial Games. Lady Elise and Lady Isa advised that this would be a great location for arts which require lots of space or camping environments.

Meeting adjourned.