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## King Sir Trinity Skythasis



## Queen Lady Tangenna Skythasis



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*July to December 2007*

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Assassins .....Sir Delphos Darkheart	Barbarians ....TBD
Bards .....Sir Larin Moonstar	Color .....Dame Tanara StormCaller
Druids .....Sir Forest Evergreen	Healers .....Typhus Deathcaller
Knights .....Sir Morgan Ironwolf	Monks .....Baronet Sirrakhis Larethian
Monsters .....Sir Delphos Darkheart	Paladins .....Sir Larin Moonstar
Scouts .....Squire Kenta Redhawk	Warriors .....Lord Gott des Krieges
Wizards .....Sir Larin Moonstar	

<i>The BOD</i>	<i>Mundane Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Dreanya Jurista.....	Andréa Jacobs	President.....	DEC 2007
Elder Vermilion .....	John R. Elder	Treasurer .....	AUG 2007
Sistar Tolken .....	Kevin Kidwell		DEC 2007
Sutra Bahuas .....	Jorge Rodas		DEC 2007
Rayel Greenholde .....	Michael Peavy		DEC 2007
Sir Morgan Ironwolf .....	Jason Jacobs		DEC 2007

<i>The RGK</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ewen McFadden (Landlord, 972-686-7755) .....	N/A
Samantha Three Jugs(RGK Selected Seat) .....	N/A
Elder Vermilion Treasurer/EH BOD Rep/Secretary .....	BOD Rep
Sir Trinity Skythasis (Monarch) .....	DEC 2007
Sir Gavvin Quinn .....	SEP 2007
Dame Faunna Demonspawn.....	MAR 2008
Sir Wolverine (President) .....	MAR 2008

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# Kingdom Calendar for Reign 39

This is the preliminary schedule of events for Reign 39. Things may be added or moved as needed. At least one of the Monarchy will be attending those scheduled events shown. There will be other tournaments and Battlegames on open days, TBD.

## July 2007

14 .....Sat .....RP Battlegame @ Mourningwood Glen  
18-22 .....Wed-Sun .....Clan  
27-29 .....Fri-Sun .....Kingdom of the Wetlands - Midreign

## August 2007

4 .....Sat .....Gecko Master @ Midnight Sun  
10-12 .....Fri-Sun .....Celestial Kingdom - Midreign  
12 .....Sun .....RP Battlegame @ Finder's Keep  
18 .....Sat .....Kingdom of the Golden Plains - Coronation  
18-19 .....Sat-Sun .....Kingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest  
19 .....Sun .....Gecko Master - Workshops/Demos @ Eagleshire  
25 .....Sat .....Summer Fest V  
26 .....Sun .....Gecko Master - Workshops/Demos @ Finder's Keep

## September 2007

31-2 .....Sat .....Piratical Sabbatical 3  
1-2 .....Sat-Sun .....Labor Day Weekend  
8 .....Sat .....Kingdom Dragonmaster/Weaponmaster @ Midnight Sun  
9 .....Sun .....Kingdom Dragonmaster/Weaponmaster @ Eagleshire  
14-16 .....Fri-Sun .....Kingdom of the Rising Winds Coronation  
**14-16 .....Fri-Sun .....EH Midreign / Relic Quest @ Tanglewood Forest**  
22-23 .....Sat-Sun .....Kingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest  
29 .....Sat .....Gecko Master @ Mourningwood Glen

## October 2007

6-7 .....Sat-Sun .....Kingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest  
7 .....Sun .....RP Battlegame & Gecko Master @ King's Point  
**11-14 .....Thurs-Sun ..World Banner Wars 8 @ Tanglewood Forest**  
22-23 .....Sat-Sun .....Kingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest  
27 .....Sat .....Midnight Sun Monster Bash @ Midnight Sun  
28 .....Sun .....RP Battlegame @ Eagleshire  
31 .....Wed .....Halloween

## November 2007

3 .....Sat .....RP Battlegame @ Midnight Sun  
9-11 .....Fri-Sun .....Celestial Kingdom - Coronation  
9-11 .....Fri-Sun .....Kingdom of the Rising Winds Midreign  
22 .....Thurs .....Thanksgiving Day

## December 2007

1-2 .....Sat .....Crown Elections @ All Parks  
**14-16 .....Fri-Sun .....EH End Reign/Coronation @ Tanglewood Forest**  
25 .....Tues .....Christmas

*Events are planned by office holders that (typically) hold 6 month terms. That's why calendars tend to not show many events beyond June and December.*

# Announcements

## **Topic: Updated Emerald Hills Website**

### *Sutra*

Check it out! [www.amtgard-eh.com](http://www.amtgard-eh.com). I will be working on helping keep it updated. See any errors or have a suggestion, please let me know!

## **Topic: Reminder from the GMR**

### *Tolken*

In order to gain credit in a class you must play that class in a battlegame, and to play that class you must have the appropriate garb.

If you do not have garb, you can only play peasant and only get warrior credit.

## **Topic: Kingdom Roleplay List**

### *Sutra*

Remember, there is a kingdom role play list that is open to any and all who want to get involved in the roleplay in order to sort and make sense out of all the madness that is:

The Misadventures of M'Alice and future RP themes up and coming court's will bring.

<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/ehroleplayers/>

## **Topic: Redhawk Radio**

### *Sir Larin*

Thursday nights from 7-9pm CST on [www.redhawkradio.net](http://www.redhawkradio.net) Radio Free Amtgard is on the air.

## **Topic: Intent for Kingdom PM**

### **Lady Dreanya Jurista**

I, Lady Dreanya Jurista, do hereby declare my intent to run for re-election as the Emerald Hills' Prime Minister of Records.

During my last term, I focused on working with the local Prime Ministers to accomplish the following:

#### I. ORK

- a. Updating the ORK with old and new records/awards;
- b. Minimize duplicate entries;
- c. Confirm that credits are applied timely and properly;
- d. Correct the errors and minimize future mistakes in the ORK; and
- e. Move players that have not received credit in over a year to the Inactive Players' section.

#### II. PM Webpage

- a. Maintain the page with a current schedule, projects, and Dues Paid List;
- b. Post Out-of-Kingdom credits for visitors to our events; and
- c. Update Waiver/Event Contract lists so players know if they need to bring paperwork to the event.

#### III. AmtCard Project/Gate

- a. Continue to make Gate more efficient;
- b. Run through the "sign-in free" gate system to see if it is a viable gate system; and
- c. Maintain Waivers and Event Contracts to minimize check-in time.

#### IV. Rulebooks/Newsletters

- a. Kingdom subsidized rulebooks;
- b. Kingdom supplied Corporas; and
- c. Park supplied newsletters.

This term, I'd like to continue doing all of the above but add the following:

#### I. ORK

- f. Work within the perimeters of the ORK to create a system of monitoring parks' progress, attendance, and longevity.
- g. Continue to work towards an ORK that accurately reflects a player's accomplishments and awards;

#### III. AmtCard Project/Gate

- d. Fine tune the "sign-in free" gate system for easy ORK update for future EH PMRs.

Finally, I will continue to maintain a strong working relationship with the local PMs so that we, working together, can make each and everyone's experience in Amtgard a positive one. We may not have control over whether you have fun at the park, but we can assure that you will get credit for being there.

That being said, I'd like to also take this opportunity to discuss our local PMs. All players should be proud of their PM(s). Everyone is aware that the PMs update the ORK with your weekly credits, but your PMs have done so much more. They have updated old awards and records. They have monitored their park's list to make inactive people inactive.

## Announcements

They have confirmed that all players have a waiver on file. They have made sure that each member gets credit for their dues paid status. They have made sure that members who claim their park are on their list and those who don't are moved. They make sure that visitors get credit for visiting their parks. They make sure that the park has a sign-in sheet when they cannot make the park. And they have done everything I have asked of them and more. Elder, Crimson Witch, Typhus, and Forest keep up the good work!

### **Topic: Olympiad XXI**

Sir Trinity Skythasis

Unto the populace of the Emerald Hills:

Let it be known that bids for Olympiad XXI are now being accepted. Olympiad is to be held at the 20th Birthday of the Emerald Hills which will be at the Midreign Celebration in March 2008. Forward your bids to [sir\\_trinity@hotmail.com](mailto:sir_trinity@hotmail.com). Bids should include Autocrats names and emails, tentative schedule, scoring methods to be used, possible expenditures that may be necessary from the kingdom, and any other pertinent information the bidder deems necessary.

### **Topic: 1st Gecko Master Champion**

Lady Tangeena Skythasis

Unto the populace,

The First Gecko Master Champion is Urandel.  
Second Place went to Torgas McGreggor.

We had 20 entries from 6 participants!  
All the judges were impressed by the entries, and quality, and the questions asked to learn more about Arts and Sciences in Amtgard!

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Gecko Master. We had a lot of fun, and everyone learned from each other. Thank you to the judges, Dame Tanara, Sir Tolken, Lady Dreanya, Sir Nevron and others who offered opinions and knowledge. Thank you to Sir Delphos for his leather workshop, Lord Sutra for loaning his garb to view, and all the judges for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

And a huge THANK YOU to the participants who

wowed us with their masterpieces! I know we will see more awesome work at DragonMaster!

The next Gecko Master is at Eagleshire on Sunday August 19th. More demos and workshops are planned. Bring your entries, your questions and your talents to Eagleshire to enter in the 2nd Gecko Master!

In Service to the DREAM and the Kingdom of the Emerald Hills, "Queen" Tangeena

### **Topic: FK Cultural Tournaments**

Lady Trianna

As regent of Finders Keep I am hosting a 6 month tournament in the categories of bardic, construction, art, garb, cooking, and writing. Each category will be addressed a monthly basis. The scores you receive each month for each category will be calculated at the end of the reign for the winners. If you would like to donate your time to help with the judging please let me know.

Here is the information for the cultural tournament. This is open to the entire kingdom, please come out and show us your best. We would love to have you.

Rules:

One entry per genre. Check the forums for available categories and times.

Prizes:

1st place - \$50 gift card to Hobby Lobby  
2nd place - \$30 gift card to Hobby Lobby  
3rd place - \$20 gift card to Hobby Lobby

Please e-mail me if you have questions.



# BOD Meeting Minutes for 6.23.07

## Sir Morgan Ironwolf

### Board of Director's Meeting Minutes June 23, 2007

#### ***In Attendance:***

Andréa Jacobs  
Kevin Kidwell  
Jason Jacobs  
Michael Peavy  
John Elder  
Jorge Rodas (late)

Meeting called to order at 11:00am at the corporate address:  
301 Centennial Blvd Richardson, TX 75081.

#### **Routine Business**

Approval of May 12, 2007 minutes  
Michael Peavy moved that the minutes be approved. Passed 5-0-0.

Monthly Update: BOD correspondence (A. Jacobs). Michael Peavy advised that the letter sent to Zach Pool had been returned unclaimed. Jason Jacobs moved that the BOD write a letter to Mrs. L. Hurst for her gracious donation of a binding machine and binding materials. Passed 5-0-0.

Update: Petitioning/Interested Parks (Rodas).  
Jorge Rodas advised the Board that he will be asking Richard Lawrence if Mr. Rodas can be an appointed liaison to continue working with petitioning and interested parks.

Storm Grove and Riverstone ~ will sign petitioning contracts with the Emerald Hills at the event (next weekend).

King's Point (Hurst, Texas) ~ the park's leadership has not yet decided whether to petition the Emerald Hills. Jorge Rodas will update as he has more information.

Souls' Crossing ~ Possibility of signing petitioning contract with the Emerald Hills at the event (next weekend).

Stonebriar (Plano, Texas) ~ On hold.

Mystic Mountains ~ Strongdrake confirmed that he is still in possession of assets of Tal Dagore. Andréa Jacobs suggested that the Emerald Hills should not enter into a contract with the Mystic Mountains until the Tal Dagore corporate assets are properly distributed. Jorge Rodas agreed. No Board action taken as it is the Monarch (Mr. Jorge Rodas) who decides what parks may petition the Emerald Hills.

#### **Old Business**

Update: Collecting new park contracts. (Board)  
We received Eagleshire's contract.

Update: Termination of Midnight Rain Petitioning Contract (A. Jacobs)

Midnight Rain has requested that their contract not be terminated. Andréa Jacobs confirms that she, as Kingdom Prime Minister, can now access the Midnight Rain ORK. Andréa Jacobs confirmed that the termination letter had not yet been sent due to (1) no address was on file and (2) the request to not be terminated. John Elder moved to rescind the Board's previous decision to terminate the contract. Passed 6-0-0.

Discussion: Kingdom Fundraising Ideas (A. Jacobs/Rodas)  
Andréa Jacobs and Jorge Rodas suggested using the recently donated binding machine to make cookbooks and archival collections for sale to benefit the Emerald Hills. Andréa Jacobs is interested in creating a "Booster Club" that is separate from the Emerald Hills so that any fundraising done does not place an additional burden on the Emerald Hills' Treasurer. She will research the issue and make sure it is legal and properly set up.

Getting merchants to the events was discussed. Andréa Jacobs suggested some form of currency exchange that could be used for merchants, food, beverages, etc. Kevin Kidwell advised that actual Emerald Hills' currency would be too expensive to maintain. Tokens and paper money would be too easy to counterfeit. No Board action taken.

Discussion: "Road to 501(c)(3) status" (A. Jacobs)  
Andréa Jacobs re-opened discussions regarding the process to get 501(c)(3) status by suggesting that the Emerald Hills begin emphasizing the workshops at events more. Promoting the educational aspects of Amtgard is important if we are striving for an educational exemption. No Board action taken.

Update: Letter for RGK  
Andréa Jacobs has prepared the letter for Ms. Tuscana and will deliver it to her at the next event (next weekend).

#### **New Business**

Clarification: Implementation of Dues Increase (A. Jacobs/J. Elder)  
The dues increase was effective immediately because there was no effective date posted on item submitted to the Althing.

Storage Shed  
John Elder suggested to not renew our contract with the storage facility currently used to store records and property and find another facility. The current facility is difficult to find; rarely used; and out of the way. John Elder suggested a facility near our corporate address. Michael Peavy suggested a facility near the I-635 and I-35E interchange so that it was more centrally located. Andréa Jacobs moved that a new storage facility be found but that the location should be decided at the next meeting. Passed 6-0-0.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2007, at 11am at 301 Centennial Blvd Richardson, TX 75081.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm.

# It Begins

## **King Duke Sir Trinity Skythasis**

The Dark One sat staring out of the window, looking over the lands he now roamed for pleasure and pain. Lost in thought, his mind drifted off to a time of what once was.....

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, a small group of warriors grew tired of the games they once played.

Gathering up their belongings, they struck off in pursuit of a better way of life. Others soon joined their group and they grew and started to prosper. Life was good, the battles great, and the camaraderie even better. Soon their influence started to spread to other lands, where groups of followers developed new frontiers. Soon one up and coming warrior set his sights on the throne, but his opposition was deep-seated and steadfast. After many long years of trials and tribulations he finally accomplished his quest, and became the leader of the original group. During one joyous gathering, he and several of his compatriots were engaged in reminiscent banter, talking of how things once were and how....

SIR!.....SIR!.....SIR!..... The shrill yelling brought the Dark One back to reality. Standing before him panting out of breath, was a lad of no more than a fourscore of harvests.

"What is it young one?" the elder asked.

"The Elves are revolting, Sir!" cried the youngster. Laughing, the Dark one replied, "Yes, I know the Elves are revolting. They have been foul and offensive for a millenia or more."

"NO!" the lad exclaimed, "They are revolting!. And they are approaching the city walls, with that She-Creature "ALICE" in the lead." Smiling the Dark One spoke softly, "Don't worry about her or the revolting Elves. Everything will be taken care of in due time." Taking a piece of parchment from his pocket the elder scribbled a few words and then folded it up and handed it to the boy. "Take this missive and carry it to my brothers."

"But I know not where they are or even who they are!" the youngster wailed. "Your feet will carry you as they know the way, even though your mind may not. After you have delivered it I suggest you hide yourself away...for ill winds are about to blow, and a return of the shadows of old is about to embrace the world."

Watching the youngster scurry away, the old man thought to himself, "For they are young and innocent and know not the ways of the past. But they soon will!" he blurted out loudly as he began to laugh maniacally, "BWAHAHAHA-HAHAHA!!!!!" As he ran toward his destination the

young boy heard evil and strange laughing behind him, causing him to quicken his pace that much more. Curiosity got the better of him tho, and he removed the folded up parchment and began to read it.

*My Brothers,*

*Meet me at the Citadel at Tanglewood in three days time. The time has come for us to rise up, for the world is about to get the wake up call it so richly deserves. Quickly returning the note to his pocket, the young lad looked toward the horizon, and the lands of his destination, a worried expression crossing his brow.*

## **Shadows of the Past**

### **King Duke Sir Trinity Skythasis**

#### Chapter 1

The Battle for Supremacy raged for many hours, as the Citadel of Tanglewood defended her crown. Many heroes were made that day, as were many martyrs. Suddenly, time froze and death was seen walking among the corpses, sending those it controlled back to whence they came.

As time resumed, the defenders of the crown took the upper hand and were victorious that day. Later that night, it was a time of merriment, a time to renew life, a time to reflect on the past.

Without warning a dark figure approached the crown, "I believe this is now MINE" the figure growled as he reached for the crown.

The young monarch held the gaze of the death knight momentarily, then handed him the crown as he softly spoke, "Yes, this is yours, as I promised. You gave me her life, oh so briefly, but it was enough to answer my tears."

Taking the crown, the death knight placed it on his head, and then turned to face the populace before him. "As I now wear the crown, you shall know the past. It will become your future, and I will guide you to our destiny."

"Over the next several months you will be implored to use your cunning and skill to collect items, both for your benefit and mine. When all the items are collected, you will use them to try to defeat those who hold your kingdom in check.

Your first test will be in four days time, at the Shire of Mourningwood Glen. It will be your quest to enter the forest and obtain two items that are lost among the trees. Beware of the creatures that dwell there, as well as those who also seek these items. Upon gaining control of the items, return them to their rightful owner and you will be rewarded with an artifact that can used in future quests."

To be continued...

# Alice in Chains

Kingdom Visit/Batlegame @ MWG - 7.14.07 by Sutra Bahuas

The dry wind began to pick up, kicking up whirling columns of dust into the pilgrims eyes.

The blue moon had past, the crown handed over, new monarchs sat in the kingdom halls.

An empty castle keep had become normal during the last reign. The previous occupant had no need for frivolous luxuries. The staff had become accustomed to the barking demands of previous monarchs.

It had grown too quiet.

The Alician uprising had been quelled, as with every other rebellion that did not eventually take the crown.

He stood on the slopping peak and watched as small bands of locals wove and darted through deep forest line.

Those destined to the western temples walked uninterrupted by the fresh activity in the woods of Mourningwood Glen. Even with dust in their eyes, they could see with their hearts.

The gathering of the faiths was taking place in less than two weeks, and the their travels had just begun.

"A chicken.", mumbled the native guide.

"What?"

"The priestess requires a chicken..." replied the annoyed man. He had seen many travelers come through these lands. He had grown accustomed to the prejudice and snide remarks from the outlanders.

Mourningwood Glen was once a strong and proud duchy. Recent activity had begun to strengthen the population again. But for how long.

"Can't they find it in market?" asked an amusingly confused Sutra.

"No, not this kind of chicken."

"Hmmm, right. Course not..."

"The woods have always harbored all types of mons..."

A shrill cry of pain echoed through the forest canopy. Dashing birds from the trees caught the archers attention.

Shouts and roars barely reached their ears, followed by silence.

The two men looked at each other with stoic expressions.

"As I was saying...the forest had a sorted variety of...wildlife..."

"Riiiiiggghhhtt..."

The awkward silence began to weigh as moments ticked by.

"A chicken then?"

"Yeah..."

Gripping his small pack slung over his shoulder, he shrugged and thanked the aged man for his helpful information.

Scanning the forest line one more time, he turned and joined the sporadic line of the faithful all heading towards the setting sun.

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# An Elven Nightmare

## Lord Gott Des Krieges

Smoke rose high and fire brightened the night. Broken arrows lay scattered everywhere. Burning homes fell to the ground.

The screams of women and children deafening all in range. The sound of clashing steel and the sight of spilled blood tormenting the mind. Proud elven warriors falling side by side.

The humans advancing, driving the elves before them and slaying them in masses....An unspeakable massacre....

"Gott."...."Gott...Wake up!" Gott's eyes flew open and he sprang from his bed and drew his sword. "Kill me if you can!" Ye yelled. "Gott calm down it's just me! You were having a nightmare!" Gott stopped where he was and looked around. He saw no fire, smelled no smoke, heard no screams.

"Where am I?" Gott asked in a state of confusion. He breathed heavily and was drenched with sweat. "You're in Mourningwood Glen. You're safe here. Put your sword away."

A gentle voice filled Gott's ears like wonderful music. "Phoenix, I'm sorry." Gott sheathed his sword and sat down on the edge of his bed. Phoenix sat next to him.

"That must have been an awful dream." She said. "It was." Gott replies. "Do you want to talk about it?" Phoenix asks, placing a hand on Gott's shoulder. "No. it was nothing. Go back to bed. I'll be fine." Gott said as he leaned back onto his bed.

"Ok. I'll be in the next room if you need me." Phoenix left the room slowly and quietly, peeking back in as she closed the door on her way out. Gott lay awake for several hours after. He wanted to be sure that he was the only one awake. He held his breath and listened,...silence.

He slowly stood up and walked to the window of his room. The moon was full and the night was still young. He began to look around the room.

On his bed he placed three swords, his shield, his armor, 2 days supply of food and water, and two sets of

clothing.

He neatly pack these things together in a pack and placed them outside the window. He made his way to the corner of the room and opened a bag he had hidden under a book shelf.

The humans advancing,  
driving the elves before  
them and slaying them in  
masses....An unspeakable  
massacre....

Inside was a set of clothing, all black. He put on the black clothing and strapped his boots on tight. Finally adjusting a mask to cover all but his eyes he made his way out the window.

He put the pack on his back and sneaked out of the village. He was now on a personal quest.

A search, for Sir Delphos Darkheart. Gott knew that he could help....if he wanted to....Gott didn't know the exact location of the knight in question, but he knew where his squire was.

Gott headed off into the night in the direction of Midnight Sun.



# The Son Still Sleeps

Sutra Bahuas

He could feel himself growing drowsy.

Fatigue he had outrun the past two seasons found him with effortless precision.

Some say it was the revealing words that escaped his slumbering lips that called for mercy.

She gently pressed her cold lips to his forehead.

She produced the small metal box he was certain had been lost days before.

Her head tilted slightly to the left, a bit amused by his unfruitful attempt at hiding.

With a muffled thud, she cracked the novice seal on the keeping box.

For being a recent monarch of the hills, his humble collection of personal belongings were questionable to the untrained spirit.

The scent of dried flowers greeted her ancient nostrils.

She pressed her trembling fingers through the humble collection of mortal affections.

The faded yellow flower yielded cracking petals.  
The ash covered stone revealed a faint odor of fire.  
The dusty river stone had lost its mossy luster.

For being a recent monarch of the hills, his humble collection of personal belongings were questionable to the untrained spirit.

Hers was as old as the hills themselves.

He turned in his bed of broken branches and fresh leaves.

She smiled again and placed the simple box by his

head before standing over him.

She could sense the anger infused in his young soul. She could feel the confusion that coursed through his veins.

The recent poisoning of his sidhe brethren had stirred a darkness he had never experienced before.

The new powers easily settled into place, the turmoil brought on by the recent relapse, destroyed; the land slumbered in new found respite.

It had grown too quiet.

Something sinister lay simmering just under the surface. She wanted to warn him, but her time grew limited.

The sun would come again, and so would the moon.

With the light, comes shadows.

Soon still.

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# Kingdom Gallery

## Various



**Lady Aylin's Gallery:**  
[http://photos.yahoo.com/aylin\\_karyn](http://photos.yahoo.com/aylin_karyn)  
**Sutra's Gallery:**  
<http://photos.yahoo.com/jrodas00>  
**Dame Nightengale's Gallery:**  
<http://s110.photobucket.com/albums/n97/nightengael/>  
**Sir Ice's Gallery:**  
<http://s119.photobucket.com/albums/o133/IceAndPaddi/>  
**Clio's Gallery:**  
[http://photos.yahoo.com/clio\\_the\\_muse](http://photos.yahoo.com/clio_the_muse)