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Queen Lady Tangenna Skythasis



Concept for World Banner Wars 8 Themed Artwork

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July to December 2007

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Druids	Sir Forest Evergreen	Healers	Typhus Deathcaller
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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
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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

14SatRP Battlegame @ Mourningwood Glen
18-22Wed-SunClan
27-29Fri-SunKingdom of the Wetlands - Midreign

August 2007

4SatGecko Master @ Midnight Sun
10-12Fri-SunCelestial Kingdom - Midreign
12SunRP Battlegame @ Finder's Keep
18SatKingdom of the Golden Plains - Coronation
18-19Sat-SunKingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest
19SunGecko Master - Workshops/Demos @ Eagleshire
25SatSummer Fest V
26SunGecko Master - Workshops/Demos @ Finder's Keep

September 2007

31-2SatPiratical Sabbatical 3
1-2Sat-SunLabor Day Weekend
8SatKingdom Dragonmaster/Weaponmaster @ Midnight Sun
9SunKingdom Dragonmaster/Weaponmaster @ Eagleshire
14-16Fri-SunKingdom of the Rising Winds Coronation
14-16Fri-SunEH Midreign / Relic Quest @ Tanglewood Forest
22-23Sat-SunKingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest
29SatGecko Master @ Mourningwood Glen

October 2007

6-7Sat-SunKingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest
7SunRP Battlegame & Gecko Master @ King's Point
11-14Thurs-Sun ..World Banner Wars 8 @ Tanglewood Forest
22-23Sat-SunKingdom Work Weekend @ Tanglewood Forest
27SatMidnight Sun Monster Bash @ Midnight Sun
28SunRP Battlegame @ Eagleshire
31WedHalloween

November 2007

3SatRP Battlegame @ Midnight Sun
9-11Fri-SunCelestial Kingdom - Coronation
9-11Fri-SunKingdom of the Rising Winds Midreign
22ThursThanksgiving Day

December 2007

1-2SatCrown Elections @ All Parks
14-16Fri-SunEH End Reign/Coronation @ Tanglewood Forest
25TuesChristmas

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: 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!

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

Topic: Waiver/Event Contract Reminder!!!

Lady Dreanya Jurista

The Emerald Hills' Waiver/Event Contract Lists are updated HERE:

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/pm/waivered.htm>

PLEASE check to make sure you are on the Waiver and Event Contract List:

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/pm/waiverandcontract.htm>

If you are not, and think you should be, please email me at pm@amtgard-eh.com and I will confirm. (A lot of waivers and event contracts only have legal names and not Amtgard names).

If your Amtgard name is on the list and you have NOT been to an EH event in the last year, there may be another person who shares your Amt-name who has. Email me at pm@amtgard-eh.com to check.

Just having your Amtgard name on this list does not guarantee that we have your waiver and/or event contract on file. The only way to be 100% sure is to contact me at pm@amtgard-eh.com.

If you do not have your name on this list, be prepared!!! If under 18 and your parents aren't coming, bring the Waiver

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/library/waiver.html>
and Event Contract

<http://webpages.charter.net/jajacobs/Amtgard/eventcontract.doc>
pre-signed with you.

No paperwork = no entry.

If over 18, or your parents are coming and you're under 18, you can still bring the pre-filled out paperwork with you to lessen your time at Gate.

ID Card holders: I am confirming that I have all of the paperwork on each of you. However, some of you may have received one inadvertently without all the paperwork. So, PLEASE check these lists as well. If you have already gone to an Emerald Hills' event with your card, then you are most likely fine, but please check anyway.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at pm@amtgard-eh.com.

Thanks!

Topic: Redhawk Radio

Sir Larin

Thursday nights from 7-9pm CST on www.redhawkradio.net Radio Free Amtgard is on the air.

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. 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: Bi-Annual Financial Reports

Duke Elder

The current Kingdom Financial report is here:

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/library/Kingdom_BooksSept06-Aug07.xls

And the current RGK Financial report is here:

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/library/RGK_BooksSept06-Aug07.xls

The latest Financial report can always be seen in the Treasury section of the website:

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/Treasury.html>

Elder Vermilion

EH Treasurer

Announcements

Topic: From MidReign Gate Lady Dreanya Jurista

We are getting closer to the Gate Party. 23 waivers/event contracts with a grand total of 100 sign-ins... Closer, but still not 10% so no Gate party at December Coronation. [Sad]

The Waiver/Event Contract

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/pm/waivered.htm>

Lists are now updated.

You know the spiel. No waiver or event contract on file, they will need to be signed before you can enter gate. Under 18 and not on file? Bring them with you. We sent two minors home this weekend to have their paperwork signed. Don't let THIS happen to you!!!

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their AmtCard. If you'd like to sign up for an Amtcard, go here: Website <http://www.amtcard.com/>

Need a new AmtCard? Email me at dreanya@yahoo.com

And, thank you so much to those that helped with Gate. If you'd like to help with World Banner Wars gate, let me know.

We will see you in three weeks.

LDJ

Topic: The Fundraising Committee Seeks Help!!! Lady Dreanya Jurista

The FC is preparing to sell water and Gatorade at World Banner Wars, and needs YOU to do this.

If you'd like to help raise money for the EH 20th Anniversary Celebration Event, please contact me at dreanya@yahoo.com We'd like to have at least two places set-up on site.

Thank you in advance.

LDJ

Topic: BannerWars 8 needs your help Queen Lady Tangeena Skythasis

Greetings to all,

BannerWars 8 is October 11 to 14. Lots of preparation and planning going on throughout the kingdom. This is EH's big event of the year! Sir Trinity, our tyrant king is now the Autocrat of this event. Since this is a "Last Minute" thing, we need help from all the Amtgardians of the EH (and anyone else who likes us!) who are going to Banner Wars 8!

Volunteers are needed to do things at the event. If everyone volunteers for at least one thing, we will have a great event. If there are few volunteers, and just a few are doing things.... well, I don't know how great the event will be. Our visitors from other kingdoms are already wondering if they should come back to Banner Wars, so my hope is that we can show the Amtgard World that EH knows how to throw an event! - one big party !

Here is a list of things - please volunteer yourself, your company, your household, your camping group....

You can send an email to the list, or to me at tangeena@hotmail.com or Trinity at sir_trinity@hotmail.com

1. Maze Quest on Friday needs about 30 monsters - Trianna will send email soon with more details.
2. The Maze needs volunteers to put it up and take it down. It is the Maze that was at Clan, only on a smaller scale. Brennon and Meguido engineered it and it is coming for the Friday night entertainment!
3. Lady Dreanya needs volunteers for gate - she has posted the times available



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4. Feast is a combined effort by Dame Tanara, Dame Tigara and Sir Tolken. If you would like to serve, help set up or clean up, please add your name to this list.
5. Setting up the pavilions and tables on Thursday and/or Friday
6. Taking down the pavilions and tables on Sunday
7. Trash Patrol - emptying the trash 3 times each day
8. Potty patrol - tidying up the potties
9. Helping Sir Scytale with the war!- more details to follow
- 9b. Water Bearers at the War - making sure there is water available to the players. There will be a water pavilion at the side of the field too.
10. Sponsoring a Tournament! It would be great to have many tournaments throughout the event, lots of variety just for fun!
11. Sponsoring a kid's activity - there were some listed on the web site, but I have no details or volunteers - anyone interested?
12. Show off your talents with a demonstration or workshop on Thursday or Friday - lots of time slots available.
13. Anything else you can think of that needs to be done??? Volunteer! Lucky 13

Thank you in advance for all this help that will make this an awesome event! I know we can make it memorable!

Tangeena
The Queen!

Topic: World Banner Wars is Just Around the Corner!!! Lady Dreanya Jurista

World Banner Wars 8: You don't want to miss it!
<http://www.worldbannerwars8.com>

I know, I know, you've been to World Banner Wars before, so what's new at WBW this year?

- * The War ... Well, same war, new rules
- * Sign-in Free Gate
- * Pre-Paying!!!

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/pm/Prepay.htm>

- * Friday Night Maze
- * Children's Activities
- * Arts and Science Workshops!!

What do we still offer?

- * 24-hour lit Ditchfield!!!
- * The Best Competition from all over the Amt-World!!!

What are you waiting for? Plan your trip now, you know you don't want to miss this event.

Any questions? dreanya@yahoo.com. I may not have the answer but I will send you to who does.

Topic: Merchants Post 2 [WBW Ad's Pack/Flyer] Sutra

Find the first EH Merchants Post here:

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/gallery/Archives/EmeraldHills/TheMerchantsPost/>

Alrighty boys and girls,

Banner Wars 8 is this October 11-14th, 2007 down in Corsicana, TX and it's goanna have an impressive line-up of workshops, kid's quests, bardic shows, ditching and a rocking war.

It's been estimated that 400+ amtgard folk will be showing up.

Here's your chance to make a real money wise donation to the event AND get a full color plug in the Merchant's Post that will be distributed to every single car that enters the premises.

It's a 400+ run, 1-4 page flyer, so you can reach every single of your target audience, with the push of a button.

Vendor, Merchant, proud new parent or newlywed, by sending in a \$10 dollar donation, you can get your business card size ad (2" x 3.5") printed in full color in a 400+ plus run, 1-4 page flyer that will be made available at gate!

Not going to Banner Wars? Advertise with us and witness the power of printed advertising!

For as little as \$.025 cent's an issue, you can instantly quadruple your PR to the audience/market you are targeting.

Maybe you're a proud new parent and want to share **7**

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the good news of a new member of the family, perhaps you want to publicly pledge your love to that special someone, or you're a proud company captain and want to praise that invaluable team of yours.

The options are limited by your imagination.

Submissions cannot contain photos or descriptions of illegal activity, obscene statements or language, as Banner Wars will be a 'family event'.

Want to buy more than one space? We can merge ad spaces, price varies by size.

Remember \$10 gets you a 2" x 3.5" space in a 400+ full color run, 1-4 page flyer of the first ever 'Merchant's Post'. Spaces are limited so get your now!

Come on and advertise that:

- company
- web comics
- e-radio stations
- store you work for
- comic book shop
- those 'epic' moments
- poetry
- art
- proposal or declarations
- etc.

Notes:

The deadline for BW ad's will be Oct. 5th, 2007. I will be printing that day.

Cost for a 2" x 3.5" ad is \$10 Each page is supposed to fit 10 of those ads, so a full page would run \$100 and half a page would be \$50.

It will also be made available online in pdf format, so until the server breaks or the second coming occurs, your ad will be digitally eternal.

All funds made in this venture is being donated to the kingdom purse.

Thanks all for your help and hope to see you at Banner Wars!

Questions or comments? Drop me a pm at

jrodas00@yahoo.com

Please forward this message to any board/forum/group you are a member of in order to get the word out. Don't pass up this great opportunity to get you or your friends business info printed and distributed to your target audience!

Regards
Sutra Bahuas

Topic: World Banner Wars Gate Duty Lady Dreanya Jurista

Gate will open precisely at 12 pm on Thursday, October 11 and close after Court on Saturday, October 13. It is in the works for Gate to be a "sign-in free" Gate for those with AmtCards. Also, we have over 800 contracts/waivers so that should cut down on time. Please email me privately, or post here, if you would like to work a gate shift at dreanya@yahoo.com.

-----Park Days and Locations-----

Thursday:

Midnight Rain @ 5pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_midnightrain.html

Saturday:

Mourningwood Glen @ 12pm

<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/mwg/>

Midnight Sun @ 2pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_midnight.html

Storm Grove @ 2pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_stormgrove.html

Sunday:

Finder's Keep @ 2pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_finderskeep.html

Eagleshire @ 3pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_eagleshire.html

Soul's Crossing @ 11am

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_soulscrossing.html

Riverstone @ 1pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_riverstone.html

King's Point @ 2pm

http://www.amtgard-eh.com/park_kingspoint.html

Rise from the Dead

Lord Gott des Krieges

The body of Lord Gott lay on a stone alter deep in the woods surrounding Finders Keep. He had become the victim of poison. A mark left on his body indicated that the Assassins guild had done him in.

Oni, Gott's last surviving brother stood not far away with a plethora of trinkets and charms. He was preparing for a ritual to bring back his brother. Nearby a man squirmed in a feeble attempt to escape the ropes that bound him. Oni had tied the knots tightly, he would do no such thing. Oni was ready. First he poured a strange potion into two torches on either side of Gott. This potion was ignited and brought forth a stunning green flame. Next Oni placed the skull of a goblin on a raised structure at Gott's feet. The top of the skull had been torn off in preparation for the next step. Oni drew a dagger and dragged the bound man to the skull. Making a cut in the man's wrist he let his blood pour into the skull. When the skull was full he bound the man's wound to stop the bleeding. Next, Oni brought forth a bag of salt.

He spread the salt in an oval around Gott's body until it was thick and pure white. He saved a pinch of the salt and put it into the blood inside the skull. It was now time for the final step in this sinister ritual. Oni drew his sword and with a single carefully aimed swing lobbed off the head of his prisoner. With the human head in hand he approached the alter. He held the skull out with both hands and spoke. "Forgotten God of ancient times, I call to thee. Please, accept my sacrifice of human flesh and grant me but one request." He waited. Seconds later the green flames of the torches began to dance wildly. They grew higher and higher. A voice, dark and ominous was heard. "I will accept your gracious sacrifice.

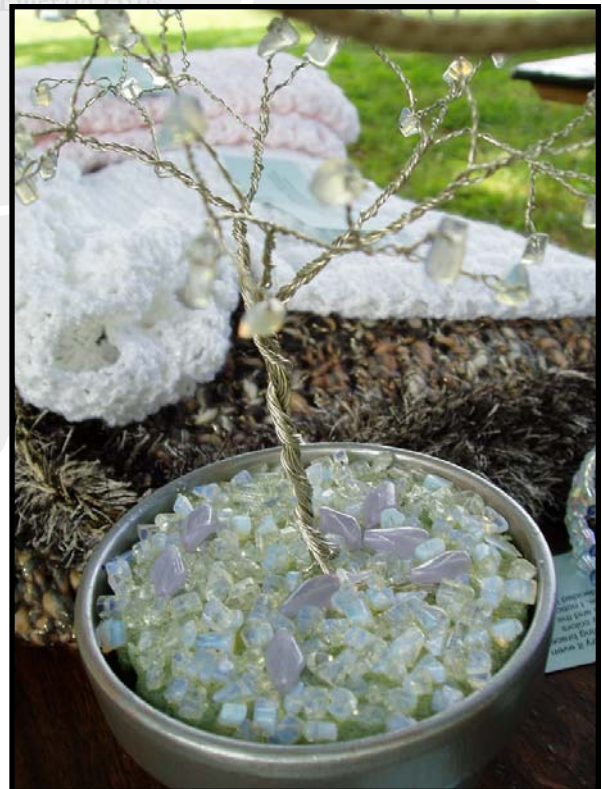
You need only name your price." Oni held the human head in the air. "Bring my brother back and take this as a gift." The head floated slowly from Oni's hand into the green flame on Gott's right side. "Very well. But be weary, for one day I may

call on both you and your brother to do my bidding." Said the dark voice of the ancient God.

"Very well." Said Oni. The human head disappeared in the flame. The goblin skull full of blood and salt floated up from the alter. The green flames surrounded it and the blood began to boil. Slowly the flaming skull floated down to Gott's chest. His body seemed to open up to accept it. As the skull nestled itself in Gott's body, his heart was expelled. The skull would take its place. As suddenly as it had opened, Gott's body closed again with the skull inside. "It is done." Said the dark voice. The flames flickered away and died in a strong breeze. All grew silent.

Suddenly there came a sound....from Gott! As Oni's eyes adjusted to the much darker environment he saw that his brother was standing. A mark on his chest was all that remained of the ritual.

"Let's go home." Gott said as a dark smile spread across his face.



The Gifting

Duke Sutra Bahuas

Beads of sweat rolled down her tired brow.

She hadn't slept for days. Her master would be here any minute now expecting a perfect result.

She had studied under his supervision since she was left on the door step of the clandestine sanctuary.

Her pupils dilated with every flicker of the candles. The ones closest to the inner circle had been arranged to maximize reflective light.

She had managed to find the exact ingredients jotted down on the piece of scorched parchment. She was known to easily fumble through thoughts and words.

They would all see.

Tonight, she would prove them all wrong.

She reached over the silver dish that would become the host of her tear stained work.

She skinned the offering with morbid delight. The goblet of drying blood sat unattended. Reflecting grim shadows of the lone girl, the sacrifice would not be in vain.

She could remember the sensation as the creature's neck popped in her trembling hands. She had done this more times than she had seen the sun rise over the verdant hills.

The bright orange fire leapt, licking at the sides of the white hot kettle, it's contents boiling ready for release.

Her fingers traced the archaic text hand written by the great ancestor of her teacher. Everything had to be perfect.

He had left days ago, in a mood set between anger and complete apathy.

He had spent years hoping that some day, she would be worthy of taking his place. His certainty had waned in the past months.

Crushing the called upon herbs and spices, the aroma was enough to please the gods themselves. Tonight, she would need this miracle, hoping that they would answer her prayers.

He would surely see her worth tonight.

Carefully, she ladled the unusable refuse frothing at the top of the steaming elixir.

She drew the glyph on the silver plate one last time before placing the white flesh in the center. Draping it with the prescribed garnish, she could feel her spirit leap in anxious joy.

Soon, soon she would have her answer.

Tightening the fabric around her dark hair, she gathered her wit before scooping the plate in her confident hands.

Making her way into the dark room, the elders sat silently at a long table, lit by red and white candles; specific to the orders ancient colors.

Reaching the head of the table, she found her master gazing intently.

His eye betrayed any emotion, yet she knew his thoughts and hopes.

Kneeling, she bowed her head as she offered her gift.

Wise hands reached out, cupping her shaking hands; before taking the hot silver platter with the offering.

Placing it in front of him, he examined the visual accuracy and appeal of her work.

Grasping the tools of their trade, he incised the flesh, cutting out a symmetrical triangle of meat.

Placing it on his tongue, he examined the final result.

Her world seemed to spin, her moment of redemption had come. She had prepared for this glorious moment all her life.

The smile on the masters lips caused an erupted laughter from the attendees as they clapped their hands and shouted out her name.

"This is indeed the best presentation you've made to date. I congratulate you young one. May your name be known throughout the halls of our esteemed royal culinary academy; you've more than earned your place among us."

Success was hers this night. Years of heart breaking struggles had paid off.

She was now a member of the elite kitchen staff at the kingdoms palace.

Soon, she would be preparing the evening courses for the kings and queens of the Emerald Hills.

And someday, she would take her masters place as the kingdoms head chef.

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Beast of the Labyrinth

Sir Delphos Darkheart

The air was warm and thick with moisture from the recent rainfall and the light breeze carried on it the musky scent of damp fur and bovine glands.

The small group of adventurers made their way along the King's Road, careful to avoid the Labyrinth where dwelled the great beast of myth and legend.

Spurred on by their search for a fabled artifact which would bring one of the companions a power to defeat a group of rival Questors, the small band failed to notice the shift in the wind and the ominous presence on the road before them.

Suddenly the ground around them shook violently and a thunderous voice resounded through the air reaching the ears and touching the very soul of each member of the small band.

"Who dares walk so near MY Labyrinth...?" bellowed the Horned Beast, its fetid breath coursing in noxious waves from its pierced nose.

The two novice warriors frozen with fear, stood motionless as the great beast eyed them with malice and began to pace the width of the road.

Before the Minotaur could speak again, the young wizard who lead the band stepped up and replied...
"This is the King's Road" he said bravely...
"What right do you have accosting us here?"

Stomping its enormous hoofed foot in anger, the Minotaur howled once again...
"I have been her long before any King..."

Interrupting its speech, the wizard asked...
"So, what shall you give us to turn back?"

"I will spare your lives" replied the beast.

The wizard took but a moment to decide...
"I don't like that answer" he said.

And with those words, the young wizard produced a ball of lighting and held it high in the air...
In a movement quicker than the blink of an eye... the wizard hurled the lighting at the Minotaur.

Arching across the air the power of the wizard hit the Horned Beast in the chest.
Sparks flew in all directions from the Minotaur as it erupted in an electrical blaze.
It shook violently for what seemed an eternity, finally falling to the ground in a scorched heap of bovine flesh, the stench of which nearly made the novice warriors sick to their stomachs.

Despite their nausea, they could not help put poke at the seemingly lifeless body of the Horned Beast, which twitched spastically at every touch of their swords.

The young wizard looked back at them and laughed slightly to himself as the adventures made their way along the King's Road and continued on their quest...



Kingdom Gallery

Various



Lady Aylin's Gallery:
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