

Greetings Gentle Readers,

Every year it is as if Christmas has come early for me-it's the most wonderful time of the year! Time for the Master William Blackfox Awards!

Each of your kingdom chroniclers and staff painstakingly pored over each newsletter from Anno Societatis LI -- 51 --and gifted me with the very best from their kingdom. This is my third year overseeing these awards and every year, I am inspired and amazed. The commitment each chronicler, artisan, wordsmith, photographer, and scholar has given brings beauty and richness to the Dream.

Through your hard work the pride and love you each have for your craft, your group, and your kingdom shows through. I am awestruck and humbled by your efforts. I wish to congratulate each of the nominees from around the Known World. You have represented your groups and kingdoms with distinction. Well done, all of you. *Well done!*

The kingdom chroniclers have my deepest gratitude for the hours spent considering each nomination; your endeavors brought so many marvelous works to my desk. Thank you; your continued dedication inspires me. I further extend my gratitude to my judges for their assistance in selecting the winners. Recipients of this prestigious award will receive a *Blackfox* token, a certificate and the right to use "*Master William Blackfox Award Winner, category, AS LI (51)*" in their newsletters along with the *Blackfox* logo.

I present to you the Master William Blackfox Awards for A.S. 51!

My congratulations,
Mistress Arianna Stefana Falconi, OP
Society Chronicler

Best Overall Newsletter

This does not necessarily mean the best-looking newsletter, but rather the newsletter which best meets the needs of the local group or guild for which it is published. It should accurately reflect the status of the group and be a valuable tool for growth and promotion of SCA goals and ideals. This title is awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

Caid: *The Seraph*, Barony of the Angels;
Chronicler: Samthan Sidhbh Ni Dhochartaigh

Commendation:

Artemisia: *The Dragon's Eye*, Shire of Stan Wyrn;
Chronicler: Mistress Iduna Snorraddottir

Also Nominated:

Aethelmarc: *The Ice Dragon*, Barony of the Rhydderich Hael;

Chronicler: Baron Magnus de Lyons

Ansteorra: *The Serpent's Tale*, Barony of Loch Soilleir;

Chronicler: Lady Elena Wyth

Atenveldt: *Twin Moons Missive*, Barony of Twin Moons;

Chronicler: Mistress Anita de Challis

Atlantia: *The Talon*, Barony of Hawkwood;

Chronicler: Lady Mahala of Sully Grove

Calontir: *The Aerie*, Shire of Cum An Iolair;

Chronicler: Lord Niccolo

Ealdormere: *Ben Dunfirth Clarion*, Barony of Ben Dunfirth;

Chronicler: THL Augusta Weyfare

East: *Kenning Points*, Barony of Smoking Rocks;

Chronicler: Lady Marguerite von Elfenau

Gleann Abhann: *The Kindred Spirit*, Shire of Pilgrims Fount;

Chronicler: THL Jamys Chapman

Lochac: *The Innigard Irregular*, Barony of Innigard;

Chronicler: Baroness Annys Blodwell

Meridies: *The Iron Baron*, Barony of Iron Mountain;

Chronicler: THL Anne Geyervogelin

Northshield: *Crystal Quill*, Barony of Nordskogen;

Chronicler: Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn
Trimaris: *Castlelore*, Barony of Castlemere
Chronicler: THL Deirdre Ui Mhaille
West: *The Guardian*, Principality of Oertha
Chronicler: Desportes Halfdan "Two Bears" Ozurrson

Best Layout and Design

For the best-looking newsletter in balance and style. Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

Drachenwald: *Knightingale*, Barony of Knights Crossing;
Chronicler: Lady Catalina de Zaragoza

Commendation:

Atenveldt: *Tusker Times*, Barony of Tir Ysgithr;
Chronicler: Lady Decima Aspenewell

Also Nominated:

AEthemarc: *The Sentinel*, Barony of St. Swithin's Bog;
Chronicler: THL Caitilin ni Mhaolchonaire
Ansteorra: *Elfsea Tidings*, Barony of Elfsea;
Chronicler: Lady Johanna da Verona
Atlantia: *The Yeoman*, Barony of Bright Hills;
Chronicler: Lady Scholastica Joycors
Caid: *The Seraph*, Barony of the Angels;
Chronicler: Samthan Sidhbh Ni Dhochartaigh
Calontir: *The Clarion*, Barony of Forgotten Sea;
Chronicler: Lady Narcissa Patricia
East: *Les Nouvelles du Havre*, Barony of Havre des Glaces;
Chronicler: Lady Deirdre Ruadh Inghean Mhic An Mhadaidh
Gleann Abhann: *A Sea Lion's Tale*, Barony of Seleone;
Chronicler: Don Luciano di Giovanni
Lochac: *From the Tower*, Southron Gaard;
Chronicler: Mistress Eleanora van den Bogaerde
Meridies: *The Iron Baron*, Barony of Iron Mountain;
Chronicler: THL Anne Geyervogelin
Middle: *The Riven Star*, Barony of Rivenstar;
Chronicler: Lady Katrín Grímsdóttir
Northshield: *Mensletter*, Shire of Falcon's Keep;
Chronicler: Lady Anna Meyer
Trimaris: *The Wyvern's Tale*, Wyvernwoode;
Chronicler: Marcus MacAndrew
West: *Tempus Nebularum*, Principality of the Mists;
Chronicler: Urtatim al-Qurtubiyya bint 'abd al-Karim al-hakam al-Fassi

Best Artwork

For artwork on cover or interior of the newsletter. Awarded to the newsletter and the artist.

Winner:

Atlantia: Artist: Lord Demian von Hesse; Illustration, *August Issue Cover, Il Tempo*, August 2016. Barony of Ponte Alto.

Chroniclers: Eliyahu bat Lavana and Lord Ronan mac Imair

Commendation:

East: Artist: Lady Christiana Crane; Portrait Illustration, *Syr Cedric of Thanet, The Northern Watch*, March 2017. Barony of Endwearde.

Chronicler: Lady Audrye Beneyt

Also Nominated:

Ansteorra: Artist: Issac Bane; Illumination and calligraphy, *Invitation, The Flamebearer*, December 2016. Barony of Wiesenfeuer

Chronicler: Lord Donnan Ó Néill

Calontir: Artist: THL Sorcha O’Riain; Illumination, *Untitled, Dragonflyer*, First Quarter 2017. Barony of Vatavia
Chronicler: THL Sorcha O’Riain
Ealdormere: Artist: THL Bjarn Aaronson; Illustration, *Cover for Fall Edition, The Ursus, Fall Edition*, November 2016. Barony of Septentria
Chronicler: THL Þorfinna gráfeldr
Gleann Abhann: Artist: Lady Celestine Augusta; Illumination, *Untitled, Ardanrunes*, Summer Quarterly 2016. Shire of Ardanroe
Chronicler: Maistir Rory ua Riada
Middle: Artist: Jonathan Fairchild; Illustration, *Cover, Flammeus Alles*, November 2016. Barony of Fenix
Chronicler: Lady Ernín Ainsheasccar Ó Raghallaigh
Trimaris: Artist: Lady Marianna La’Vencentia; Illumination, *Cover Artwork, Castlelore*, August 2016. Barony of Castlemere
Chronicler: THL Deirdre Ui Mhaille
West: Artist: Linnet Hatfield; Painting, *Oil Painting, The Vox*, July 2016. Principality of Cynagua
Chronicler: Morwenna of Tintagel

Best Special Issue

For Arts & Sciences issues or other limited-focus issues of a geographic group (Canton, Shire, Barony, etc.). Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

Middle: *The Shard - “The Sharks”, April Fools Edition 2017*; Barony of Shattered Crystal
Chronicler: Tiarna Cináed Ulric, Amhranai tan Brionglóid

Commendation:

Caid: *The Runestone - 50th Year Edition*; Barony of Western Seas
Chronicler: Bantiarna Sadhbh inghean ui Conghal

Also Nominated:

Calontir: *The Oakleaf - January 2017*; Shire of Oakheart
Chronicler: Cerric aet Blaecac
East: *Bergental Berserker, Yule 2016*; Barony of Bergental
Chronicler: Lady Emele Schuolerin
Gleann Abhann: *The Clouded Issue - Summer 2016*; Barony of Grey Niche
Chronicler: Duchess Linnet MacLeod
Trimaris: *Castlelore – December 2016*; Barony of Castlemere
Chronicler: THL Deirdre Ui Mhaille

Best Special Interest Newsletter

This category recognizes guild newsletters, research newsletters, and Arts & Sciences-focus newsletters (such as lace-making). Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner:

AEthemearc: *The Althing - A&S Issue - February 2017*, Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands
Chronicler: Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr

Best Regular Feature - For cartoons, articles, columns, etc. which appear regularly in the particular newsletter. Awarded to the creator or feature writer and the newsletter.

Winner:

Ansteorra: *Otilia Explains It All*, Author: Lady Elena Wyth [writing as Otilia von Loch]; *The Serpent’s Tale*, Barony of Loch Soilleir
Chronicler: Lady Elena Wyth

Commendation:

East: *Chronicles and Notes of Recent Events*, Author: Mistress Eowyn Eilonwy of Alewife Brook; *The Carolingian Minuscule*, Barony of Carolingia
Chronicler: Lady Edith Steyning

Also Nominated:

AEthemearc: *Bardic Corner*, Author: Lord Jan Langhe ten Walde; *Full Tilt*, Barony of Delftwood
Chronicler: Lord Jan Langhe ten Walde
Artemisia: *Iduna’s Language Information*, Author: Mistress Iduna Snorradottir; *Dragon’s Eye*, Shire of Stan Wyrn
Chronicler: Mistress Iduna Snorradottir

Atlantia: *Tastings from the Wooden Spoon...*, Author: Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest; *The Knottinghill Quill*, Barony of Nottinghill Coil
Chronicler: Lady Merewyn Sharp
Caid: *A Wanderer in Rags*, Author: Lord Riley Frost of Farhaven; *The Runestone*, Barony of Western Seas
Chronicler: Bantiarna Sadhbh inghean Uí Conghal
Calontir: *Member Review*, Author: Mistress Sofya la Rus; *The Parade*, Shire of Heraldshill
Chronicler: Lord Sifrid von Eichelborn
Ealdormere: *Alienor's A&S Adventures*, Author: Lady Alienor la Fileuse; *Skraeling Althing Chronicle*, Barony of Skraeling Althing
Chronicler: Constantine Breathnach
Gleann Abhann: *Counting in the Counting House*, Author: THL Sarra Mary Heryngton; *The Kindred Spirit*, Shire of Pilgrims Fount
Chronicler: THL Jamys Chapman
Meridies: *Left to Our Own Devices*, Author: Meistres Bronwen o Gydweli; *The Equinox*, Shire of Sol Haven
Chronicler: Meistres Bronwen o Gydweli
Northshield: *Proceedings of the Populace Meeting (or What Happened at the Populace Meeting)*, Author: Kudrun Pilegrim; *Rokeclif's White Birch*, Shire of Rokeclif
Chronicler: Kudrun Pilegrim

Best Article

Recognizes excellence in articles appearing in a local newsletter. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter.

Winner:

Middle: *Liquorice*, Author: THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis; *The Citadel, Spring 2017*, Barony of Cynnabar
Chronicler: Lord Gavriil Petrovich

Commendation:

East: *Royal Rooms in the Swamp - A History*, Author: Baroness Ursula of the North Woods; *The MudPuppy*, Barony of Settmour Swamp
Chronicler: Lady Charis Accipiter

Also Nominated:

Ansteorra: *I Will Never Go To Gulf War Again!*, Author: Dyrfinna "Kizzy" Robertsdottir; *From the Treetop*, Canton of Haldtre

Chronicler: Lady Rebekah Aleyn

Artemisia: *Iduna's Language Information - Japanese*, Author: Mistress Iduna Snorradottir; *Dragon's Eye*, Shire of Stan Wyrn

Chronicler: Mistress Iduna Snorradottir

Caid: *An Examination of Pear-Like Qualities*, Author: Mistress Teleri of Gwynedd; *The Phoenix*, Barony of Nordwache

Chronicler: THL Cormac Macleod

Calontir: *Calontir Customs: Words in Dispute in AS 51*, Author: HL Völu-Ingibiörg; *Runestaff*, Barony of Mag Mor

Chronicler: Countess Morgana of Raglan

Drachenwald: *Continuing with Panache*, Author: Catherine Weaver; *The Baelfyr*, Insulae Draconis

Chronicler: Lady Amphelise de Wodeham

Ealdormere: *Huntsman's Harvest*, Author: Lady Augusta Weyfare; *The Ben Dunfirth Clarion, October 2016*, Barony of Ben Dunfirth

Chronicler: Lady Augusta Weyfare

Gleann Abhann: *What to Bring to Your First Event*, Author: Duchess Linnet MacLeod; *The Clouded Issue*, Barony of Grey Niche

Chronicler: Duchess Linnet MacLeod

Lochac: *Marvo Polo in Korcula*, Author: Lord Lowrens Wilyamson; *From The Tower*, Barony of Southron Gaard

Chronicler: Mistress Eleanora van den Bogaerde

Meridies: *Knights and Kites*, Author: Lady Ella du Soleil; *The Equinox Vol. 331 Jan AS LI (2017)*, Shire of Sol Haven

Chronicler: Meistres Bronwen o Gydweli

Trimaris: *Can you Guess This?*, Author: THL Alane Godwin; *Vair Bell*, Shire of Starhaven

Chronicler: THL Eithne ingen Muirgein

West: *Red Apple Tarts*, Author: Finna kottir Goðormsdóttir; *The Vox*, Principality of Cynagua

Chronicler: Morwenna of Tintagel

Best Poetry or Short Fiction

Recognizes the author of an outstanding poem or piece of short fiction. Awarded to the writer and the newsletter.

Winner:

West: *The Lady Blushes*, Author: Jace of Golden Rivers; *The Vox – July Investiture 2016*, Principality of Cynagua
Chronicler: Morwenna of Tintagel

Commendation:

Aethemarc: *An Acrostic in Ottava Rima on the Name of Saint Dorothea, for her Feast Day*, Author: Master Morian Macbain; *The Althing - A&S Issue - February 2017*, Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands
Chronicler: THL Caitilin ni Mhaolchonaire

Also Nominated:

Ansteorra: *The Slaying of a Giant*, Author: Lady Angelina Francesca de Nardi; *The Cup Runneth Over – April 2017*, Canton of Myrgenfeld

Chronicler: Lady Leota of Rutlandshire

Atlantia: *The Bamboo Flute Tanka*, Author: Lord Hattori Shojuro-san; *The Mountain Mayhem – April 2017*, Barony of Bright Hills

Chronicler: THL Jorunn nic Lochlainn

Caid: *Skallagrim and Thorbjorn*, Author: Skallagrim Ulfednar; *Tales from the Mist – September 2016*, Barony of Wintermist

Chronicler: Colette Olivier la Founiere

Calontir: *The Calon Phoenix*, Author: Lady Dulcibella de Chateaurien; *The Dancing Moon – April 2017*, Shire of Calanais Nuadh

Chronicler: Lady Dulcibella de Chateaurien

Drachenwald: *Spring Crown-injudan från Gyllengran*, Author: Fru Tyra Stigsdotter; *Silversparren – January 2017*, Principality of Nordmark

Chronicler: Lady Gele Pechplumin

Trimaris: *A Collection of Four Tanka*, Author: Lady Ciarán Ó Muireagáin; *Vair Bell – August 2016*, Shire of Starhaven

Chronicler : THL Eithne ingen Muirgein

Kingdom Chronicler's Honorable Mentions

Nominations which didn't fit into the above categories, yet are still deserving of recognition for their exceptional work and/ or dedication to producing the best possible newsletter for the local group served.

Recognition of merit given to the individual nominee.

Ansteorra: *The Steppes Letter*, Barony of The Steppes

Chronicler: Lady Safiya Spizega

Artemisia: Article: *Random Carp*, HE K. Braden von Sobernheim, *The Moose Call*; Barony of Arn Hold

Chronicler: Lady Ursula de Stratton

Atlantia: Featured Artworks: *Draw Me a Dragon*, Artists: The Children of the Barony of Hidden Mountain, Madison, Megan, Landon, Willow, Anna, Roibeard's Daughter, and Qulan, *The Mountain Mayhem - March 2017*; Barony of Hidden Mountain

Chronicler: THL Jorunn nic Lochlainn

Calontir: Feature: *What's New, In What's Old*, THL Fionfel Songspinner, *The Barge*, Barony of Three Rivers

Chronicler: THL Fiondel Songspinner

Drachenwald: *Sharing Knowledge*, Catherine Weaver, *The Baelfyr*, Principality of Insulae Draconis

Chronicler: Lady Constanza of Thamesreach

Ealdormere: *Photograph, Feast of the Hare 2016*, Photographer: Lord Dafydd ap Alan, *The Skraeling Althing Chronicle, December 2016*; Barony of Skraeling Althing

Chronicler: Lord Constantine Breathnach

East: *The Chanticleer*, Barony Beyond the Mountain

Chronicler: Lady Johanna de Glastingburi

Gleann Abhann: *The Forge*, Shire of Smythkepe

Chronicler: THL Aveline Frazer

West: *The Current*, Province of Golden Rivers

Chronicler: Linnet Hatfield

KINGDOM NEWSLETTER CATEGORIES

Best Cover for a Kingdom Newsletter

Recognizes the creator of a piece provided for use as the cover of a kingdom newsletter. Awarded to the artist(s).

Winner:

Atlantia: Dame Margery Winterbourne, Illumination, *Untitled; The Acorn*, January 2017

Commendation:

Northshield: Hana Hara, Illustration, *Untitled; The Northwatch*, January 2017

Also Nominated:

Ansteorra: Nadine L. Meade, Photograph, *Untitled; The Black Star*, May 2016

Artemisia: Ylva Lakandottir, Photograph, *A Rose being handed to the Queen of Artemisia; The Sage Advice*, January 2017

Caid: Mistress Teleri of Gwynneth, Illustration, *Phoenix Rising; The Crown Prints*, October 2016

Calontir: Master Grimwulf Harland, Ink Drawing, *Coronation of Edward III based on 1330 image; The Mews*, April 2017

East: Lady Cassandra Arques, Illustration, *Untitled; Pikestaff*, January 2017

Lochac: Duchess Nerissa de Saye, Photograph, *Coronation, carved ivory panel, V & A museum, London UK; Pegasus*, 2017

Meridies: Lady Kasi of Forth Castle, drawing, *Varangian; Popular Chivalry*, July 2016

Middle: Mistress Marissa von Atzinger, Photograph, *Untitled; The Pale*, October 2016

Trimaris: THL Tristram de Kerjean, Photograph, *Untitled; Talewinds*, October 2016

West: Tussy Tatiana Sudoseva, Photograph, *West Kingdom Banner; June Crown; The Page*, January 2017

Best Written Contribution to a Kingdom Newsletter

Recognizes the author of an article, regular or special feature, poem, etc. provided for use by a kingdom newsletter. Awarded to the author.

Winner:

Atlantia: Lord Jonathan Blackbow, *The Other Side of the Wall at PENNSIC; The Acorn*, September 2016

Commendation:

Middle: Lady Lynne Fairchild, *Blackwork Embroidery; The Pale*, January 2017

Also Nominated:

Artemisia: Mistress Iduna Snoradottir, *Iduna's Language Information; The Sage Advice*; Multiple Issues

Caid: Lady Qara Unegen, *I Remember; The Crown Prints*, September 2016

Ealdormere: THL Roselyne de l'Estrangere & Master Colyne Stewart, *Minerva and Mars Debate Their Worth; The Tidings*, October 2016

Lochac: Lord Nicodemus Novello, *From the Seneschal; Pegasus*; Multiple Issues

Northshield: THL Jehanette de Provins, *Minister of Tournaments articles; Northwatch*; Multiple Issues

Trimaris: THL Aibhlin inghean Daibhidh, *Performance and Written Work Documentation for Art-Sci; Talewinds* - November 2016

West: Derelei filia Uoret, *Learning; The Page* – February 2017

Best Artistic Contribution to a Kingdom Newsletter

Recognizes the artist of artwork or photography used in the interior of a kingdom newsletter. Awarded to the artist(s).

Winner:

Caid: Lady Moriah Ferch Arthur, *Sea Dragon; The Crown Prints* - August 2016

Commendation:

Northshield: Hana Hara, *Incidental art; Northwatch* - February 2017

Also Nominated:

Artemisia: Baroness Illora of the West Lea, *Photo of Armored Fighters; The Sage Advice* - April 2017

Atlantia: Neil Alexander, *Portrait of Their Majesties, Dietrich and Thora; The Acorn* - May 2016

Calontir: THL Geva de Kent, *Battlefield Photo; The Mews* – March 2017