

# La Fontaine des Nouvelles

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dans Sable

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# Fontaine dans Sable Baronial Retinue

## Baron and Baroness

Their Excellencies, Qara Gan and Ceara

## Sable Warder

TH Pierre Gaston de Vallier

## Azure Warder

Lord Caelan MacKinnon

## Argent Warder

Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

## Vert Warder

Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge

## Black Fountain Pursuivant Herald

Lord Robert Moffat

## Court Herald

Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

## Head of Household

Lady Julianne Journé

## Head Guard

Lady Anna MacTaggart

## Quarter-Mistress

Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge

## Baronial Guard

Lord Anthony Fantino

Lord Seamus Able Johnstone

TH Angus MacFarlane

## Attendants

Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge

Lady Dairine inghean Griogair

Valentina

**Sworded Affair**  
**Dead Men Tell No Tales**  
**April 5, 2008**  
**Tibbetts Middle School**  
**312 E. Apache Farmington, NM 87401**  
**Site Opens: 8am**  
**Site Closes: 9pm**  
**Site Fee: \$8 adults \$4 children (5-12) (includes feast)**  
**SITE IS DRY**

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**Feastocrats: Lady Beatrice Moffat and Lord Robert Moffat**

**Ahoy Mateys! Their Excellencies, Qara Gan and Ceara, invite the mighty Rapier fighters to join them for a day of clashing swords.**

**Shiver me Timbers! The autocrats have put together a mighty fine list of tournaments. Join us for a Bar Room Brawl. Find out why all the Rum is gone. Play a game of Pirate Dice or Walk the Plank and Find yerself in Davy Jones Locker.**

**Fighters please bring an item for the Prize Table.**  
**Dust off that skull and crossbones, brush up on yer pirate talk, sharpen yer blades and join us for Dead Men Tell No Tales!**

**Lady Beatrice and Lord Robert have begun preparations for a feast fit or any pirate. We'll be whetting our appetites with Land Lover's Pie, Fish Eye Pudding and other tasty morsels.**

**Please contact Lord Robert with any food allergies.**

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*Greetings to the populace,*

*We would like to congratulate and thank everyone for all of their hard work and creativity put into Fontaine's 12<sup>th</sup> Night celebration. Everything from the decorations to the sumptuous feast was outstanding.*

*Our focus right now is Estrella. If you will be traveling to war, please, make lists of things to do beforehand and think to pack. Then triple check them. There is nothing worse than driving for 7 hours to start setting your tent up just to realize that the pegs for your period bed are back home on the coffee table. Make sure you are registered for land and gate to avoid any problems. This year looks to be loads of fun on and off the fields. Please travel safe and join us on the fields of victory at Estrella! WAAAAARRRRR!!!!!!*

*Sir Qara Gan and THL Ceara*

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***GREETINGS TO THE POPULACE OF FONTAINE DANS SABLE!***

*My sincere apologies for being out of the loop lately. I have had many mundane issues of late and haven't been available.*

*I have a beautiful new Granddaughter! Mallory Jade – 1-20-08 – 7lbs, 6 oz. 19 1/2 in.*

*WAR is upon us and unfortunately I will be unable to attend due to mundane work issues. My thoughts will be with all of you as you travel and enjoy a week of relaxation and rest from the mundane world. Her Excellency has asked for lists of those fighters, archers, artisans, etc. attending who will be earning a War point. Please pay heed and get this information to her ASAP!*

*There will be no A&S Workshop this month due to WAR. In March we will be having a Tourney 101 Class in preparation for A Sworded Affair, which is in April. If you are interested in being a Marshal or learning how to run a List or field heraldry, please attend this important Class. Lady Elyenora will be needing lots of help to run all of the tournaments scheduled for this event.*

*Lady Anna will be holding a Scribal class in March as well on the 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*Also in March will be Crown Tournament on the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun event to attend and watch some excellent fighting.*

*Thank you to all who helped make 12<sup>th</sup> Night a successful event. I was unable to attend, but understand that it was*

*Excellent! Huzzah to Fontaine once again for pulling together and hosting a wonderful event.*

*If you are attending WAR, please assist their Excellencies in any capacity needed. Taking care of Their Excellencies is an honor to be enjoyed.*

*Viva Fontaine!*

*Have a GREAT WAR!!!*

*Lady Julianne  
Seneschal, Fontaine dans Sable*

**VIVE FONTAINE!!!**

**WARRR!!!!!!!!!!** It is upon us Fontaine and we must answer its call! Make this War the best one yet by coming out and supporting the Outlands. We have always done what Fontaine does best and this year should be no different. I hope to see all of you at War with smiling faces and shining armor. If you need a ride or someone to take your stuff down to War please contact me before Sunday the 10th. If this newsletter finds your armor in disrepair will be hosting an armor workshop Sunday the 10th before War, so please, come and get your gear in order. I hope all of you are excited as I am for this month's festivities. See all of you around the campfire at WAR!

**YiS,  
Lord Lochlan MacCulloch  
Knight Marshal**

Saluti Fontaine!!!!

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the month of February and  
WARRRRR!!!

January's class on heraldry and banners was a lot of fun and I thank Lord Robert for bringing out all his stuff to consult as well as Their Excellencies for bringing lovely examples of banners that can be made for all to peruse and look over.

Since Estella War is happening this month I will not be holding an A&S class unfortunately. However for March we will be having a class called Tourney Tips 101!!! If you want to learn about running a list during a tournament or marshaling and many other things that go on during a tournament this is a great class to attend. There will be more details forthcoming so please watch the Fontaine list.

The workshop will be at the Aztec Public Library on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and starts at 6 p.m. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me.

I would like to let everyone know that the location for Kingdom A&S has already been chosen and it will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Barony of Dragonspine. (Colorado Springs, Co.) There should be more information upcoming in the March OH so be watching for that. Start thinking about if you would like to enter and if you need help on ideas let me know. I will be happy to help.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to A&S projects, documentation or research that you are working on please do not hesitate to email me at [artsandsciences@fontainesca.org](mailto:artsandsciences@fontainesca.org) or give me a call at 505-801-6896.

I remain in humble service,

Lady Isabella di Francesco Ambrosini  
A&S Officer - Barony of Fontaine dans Sable

## Message from the Chatelaine

Greetings unto the Barony! Even with the cold winds of winter, there is much activity within our Realm. And with the warming winds, that surely will come, we will be busier. On every one's minds at this point is the Estrella War. If you are able to attend, please do so. It is a wonderful experience both in learning, participating, volunteering and just being there!

If any of you were able to assist Rio in the demo at Snow-Dobon, I thank you. Watch the list for information forthcoming on a demo in Aztec. And coming in March, will be our Cuba demo in association with al-Barran. Last year this was a very fun day with Fontaine conquering the lands of Cuba. As soon as the date is firmed up and announced, I will let you know.

And many welcomes to the newest member of the Barony, Lady Julianne's granddaughter Mallory Jade, who arrived during War Practice. Of course she arrived at the hospital, but I wonder if she will grow to be a great Fontaine fighter??

In Service to the Dream,  
Lady Elyenora

To the Faire Citizens of Fontaine dans Sable:

Greetings,

Today we will look at a little of the history of heraldry. Often, when we hear the word "herald" we think of someone, like a town crier or a Court herald, summoning someone into the Presence.

Actually from the very early days heralds were charged with tracking the symbols and markings of the nobles and their retainers that they led into battle. Because of their intimate knowledge of the history of the arms and the genealogy of the bearers of those arms they also became the voice of the crown or coronet on the field and in the court. It wasn't until about the 11<sup>th</sup> century that laws began to come into force regulating the usage and design of arms. A few hundred years later, around the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> century (although some efforts were made at earlier times), at semi-regular intervals the crown would send its heralds out to take rolls of the armory in use at the time along with marriage, birth and death dates.

Perhaps some definitions relating to armory would be helpful. These are official definitions in the SCA and do not necessarily apply to the armory of the Middle Ages, but they may.

**Armory:** Any design that the College of Arms registers or protects, including devices/arms and badges. This includes various important non-SCA armory from the real world and may also include trademarks, logos, and other graphic symbols that resemble heraldic bearings. *See* the Administrative Handbook, Parts II and III, for a discussion of Registerable and Protected Items.

**Armorial:** (1) Adjective. Of or related to armory. (2) Noun. A list of armory organized by the bearers' names. *See also* Ordinary.

**Arms:** In the SCA, people who have been awarded arms by the Crown of a kingdom may call their heraldic device "arms." The distinction between arms and a device is not tracked by the College of Arms. *See also* Armiger, Device.

**Device:** An heraldic design that uniquely represents the person or group that owns it. A person who has not been awarded arms may register personal armory as a device. This device will become arms when the person receives an award, grant, or patent of arms. The distinction between arms and a device is not tracked by the College of Arms. *See also* Armiger, Arms.

**Badge:** A piece of armory used by an individual or group to identify possessions, retainers, members, or other items. A badge is different from a device, which is used solely by its owner (or the owner's herald). *See also* Fieldless Armory.

**Armiger:** A person who has been awarded the right to arms. Arms in the Society can only be given by the Crown of a kingdom, and come in three levels: Awards of Arms, Grants of Arms, and Patents of Arms (or Letters Patent). A person with registered personal armory who is not an armiger has a device, but only armigers have arms.

**Blazon:** The verbal or written description of a piece of armory. *Example: Sable a saltire Argent and a chief Argent (shown below) or the flag of Scotland (not the Royal flag): Azure a saltire Argent.*

**Emblazon:** The drawing or graphic depiction of a piece of armory.



In the SCA we do not have Coats of Arms. Coats of Arms include mottos and crests Also, arms are not hereditary in the SCA.

The purpose of arms were to differentiate quickly on the field, at a distance, between friend and foe. For this reason, no matter who you are, the simpler and more easily recognizable your device/arms the better. This should be a standard to strive for as you work to design your armory.

For the complete Glossary go to <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/coagloss.html>.

Yours in Service to  
Their Excellencies and  
The Crown

Robert Moffat  
Black Fountain Pursuivant Herald.

## Mistress of the List

Greetings unto the fighting populace of Fontaine! War is upon us. A call to arms has been raised and we must journey to the fields of Atenbelt in support of our King and the Outlands. I look forward to wonderful tales of battle upon your return to our Barony. Fight well Fontaine and win the day!

Coming in March we will be having a class of introduction to running a list. Fontaine is hosting Sworded Affair on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, and I will be needing many hands to assist in running the tournaments of that day. As soon as I have a date on the calendar when we can meet, I will post to the list (post-Estrella). I need your help! If you are interested in helping with the List, please contact me.

In Service to the Dream

Lady Elyenora



## ***Quarter mistress Report***

***I am pleased to report that the Hold is still there. (hahahaha) And so are all of its contents. I did an inventory in December and everything was still there. If you are interested in what's in the inventory, let me know and I'll show you a list.***

***We gained some new things this year. A set of new thrones, a 10x10 Easy-Up, a 3 burner propane stove and a small utility trailer. Although the utility trailer (an S10 pick-up bed on wheels) is not at the Hold, if you need it please call me. I'll get the two of you connected.***

***Please remember if you take something from the Hold, sign it out on the book hung up next to the door and sign it back in too. Most people are doing a great job!!***

***Yours in Service,  
Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge***

**The Rapier's Cut: Famous Duelist Series**  
**Doña Catalina De Erauso (1580-1650)**

By: THL Angus Reid MacFarlane

Of all the famous duelist throughout history, perhaps the most controversial is Catalina De Erauso, or, as she is often called, “the Lieutenant Nun”. At the tender age of fifteen, Catalina cross-dressed her way out of a Spanish convent and sought her fortune in the New World, where she joined the Spanish army, achieving the rank of Lieutenant (serving in the War of Arauco in Chili). During and after her military experience, she killed many men in her life including soldiers, bureaucrats, and even officers of the Spanish crown. In addition to these activities she actively engaged in gambling, practiced swordplay, and was in more than her fair share of brawls. Several times in the course of her life, Catalina broke off marriage proposals to young ladies (the brides-to-be believing her to be a man). Because she amassed quite a criminal background, Catalina often stayed in Cathedrals for sanctuary, which in those days meant that the soldiers could not pursue her there.

Several of Catarina’s most famous duels are described below:

In one fight, she cut a man (Senor Reyes, who had insulted her) across the face with a dagger. Senor Reyes’s friend then came at her with his sword drawn. She drew her own and “thrust (her) blade through his left side and down he went”. A couple of months later Senor Reyes sought revenge with two friends. Catalina received word that three armed men were awaiting her outside. Francisco Zerain (who she had sent for) came into the shop and told her that it was Reyes and two friends. As soon as Francisco and Catalina walked outside, the men attacked and a 2-on-3 melee began. Catalina dispatched one of the men before the sherrif, Don Ordon, and his two deputies arrived and took all the survivors into custody (except for Francisco who managed to escape).

Many of Catalina’s swordfights were the result of her card playing. A merchant once sought revenge on her for a comment that she had made while playing cards. She was walking down a street after the game and turned a corner only to meet up with said merchant. He drew his sword and came at her. She pulled her sword and killed him, but the police arrived on the scene and tried to arrest her. She fought them; taking two wounds in the process, but retreated to the safety of the cathedral.

Another card-game-related duel almost spelled her end. A man that people called “The Cid” joined a friendly card game. Catalina won the hand, but “The Cid” stuck his hand into his winnings and pocketed some of the gold. She let this slide as he did this yet again, but the third time she pinned his hand to the table with her dagger. She immediately jumped to her feet and drew her sword, but the Cid’s partners drew steel as well. They had her so pinned that she took three hits and then stumbled out into the street in what she calls in her autobiography a “bit of luck”. In the street, “The Cid” came after her. She swiped at him, but he was wearing armor and the blow bounced off harmlessly. Two Basqueros joined her in the fight, but it was three on five at that point and Catalina’s side took the worst of it. One of the Cid’s men stabbed her in her left side with his sword and “the Cid” managed to stab his dagger into her shoulder from behind, the blade going clean through it. She reportedly fell to the ground in a pull of her own blood. All fighters fled the scene except for “the Cid” who lingered in a church door. Catalina managed to rise to her feet. “You dog, you are still alive?” “The Cid” called to her. He thrust at her with his blade. She parried the blow to the side with her dagger and stabbed

into a hole in his armor and killed him. She collapsed immediately after. The fighting had drawn a flock of people. The sheriff, don Pedro arrived on the scene.

Although severely wounded in this last duel, it did not kill her (although she was bedridden for over four months). She went on to write her autobiography and eventually died in Cuertlaxla, New Spain in 1650.

#### References:

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<http://www.plumes.org/destreza/history/duels/erauso.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catalina\\_de\\_Erauso](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catalina_de_Erauso)

# Barony of Fontaine dans Sable

## February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Archery 10:30am  Fighter Practice 2pm			Populace Meeting 7pm		Fighter Practice is Cancelled	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fighter Practice is Cancelled		Estrella War	Estrella War	Estrella War	Estrella War	Estrella War
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Estrella War	Presidents Day Estrella War					
24	25	26	27	28	29	
Archery 10:30am  Fighter Practice 2pm			Officers Meeting 7pm			

**\*Please watch the Fontaine discussion list for changes**

Anagrams: See how many words you can create!

# Fontaine dans Sable

## SPOTLIGHT – LADY ISABELLA DI FRANCESCO AMBROSINI

### 1. Who are you in the SCA?

I am Lady Isabella di Francesco Ambrosini

### 2. What awards and Titles do you carry?

I have been given an AoA, the Golden Palm (A&S award for the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable), the Argent Heart (A&S award for the Kingdom of the Outlands) and a Mermaid's Grace (Service to Mistress Mary during her reign as Baroness of Fontaine dans Sable)

### 3. What do you do in the SCA?

My main arena is sewing. I love to learn about anything that pertains to clothing worn in the medieval ages from early period through to late period. I favorite area of interest is the late period between 1400-1600 but I enjoy all of it. I also love to learn about many other areas of interest that a young lady of the Renaissance would learn to be considered well educated. What it boils down to is that there is still so much that I've found to explore and learn in this game after participating in the SCA for almost 6 years now, I know that I will never be bored or get tired of it.

### 4. What defining moment let you know that the SCA was for you?

I'll answer that one below since it's my favorite memory. \*grin\*

### 5. What is one of your favorite memories of the SCA?

I was at my second Kingdom level event while living in the Kingdom of Meridies. I had worked very hard on my first court gown so that I could enjoy the dancing that evening that was to be going on. I was so thrilled with the way the hall looked and how they had set it up, it was a step back into time. The music was playing and the soft murmur of voices and conversation floated

through the hall and I was introduced to a wonderful Lord that asked for my hand and if he could have the pleasure of my company in a dance. I agreed and was whisked off to dance the rest of the night with him. He made such an impression of how he held himself and how he helped me learn the dance steps with gentle courtly grace that I knew that I never wanted to lose this memory or miss the chance to enjoy this in the future. I looked up and across the hall and felt like I was where I belonged.

I knew the SCA was home for me. The memory of that dance has never left me, nor has the feeling of being home, especially when I set my feet upon Outlands soil.

#### 6. How do you balance mundane life and the SCA?

It's not easy sometimes. The main thing that I always remind myself and strive to remember when I get a little "too" involved is that mundane life always comes first. Anything that has to do with the SCA...comes second.

#### 7. What piece of advice would you give to a newcomer?

Have fun, I'm glad that you've found us, be sure to take it all in stride and welcome home!

## The Scatter Gold Guild Silent Auction event

The silent auction at our 12<sup>th</sup> Night event went very well.  
We raised \$699 for the travel funds.

This will be split 50/50 between the Kingdom travel fund  
and our baronial travel fund.

The top selling item was the set of pewter goblets, which  
went for \$80.  
All 38 items sold.

I would like to thank all of the donors.

There were some wonderful items!  
Home made cookies in a hand-decorated box  
From Her Excellency Ceara  
A poem from THL Angus  
Inkle trims from Lady Louie  
Fudge from Lady Emeline  
And we had donations from our cousins in  
Rio de las Animas and al-Barran  
Just to name a few.

Again, I would like to thank you for your generosity.  
And I would especially like to thank Veronique for  
helping “baby-sit” the auction. Her help was priceless.

Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge  
Principal, Scatter Gold Guild

# Of Interest to the Barony

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Outlands' Website: <http://www.outlands.org>  
SCA Website: <http://sca.org>

The Barony is looking for a liaison for the Renaissance Faire. The first meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sworded Affaire is coming in April. If you are interested in running a list, heralding, or marshalling please contact the autocrat Lady Louie. She will get you in touch with the right people.

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