

The FALO Chronicle

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2002, January 5 - Elders Winter Summit, Illyr

Topics discussed include finances, member dues increase, guest gather fee increase, and Springfest fee increase.

2002, January 12- Yule Gather, Mystic Crest FF

Madhainn Dubhr is the only guest.

Satyir arrives sober, and wearing both armor and boots, as he has been searching the astral realm for confirmation of a threat on Kyara's life by Sarpana. He has found no such confirmation, but has established that the astral assassins will not stop trying to kill him. The clan engages in speculation on Sarpana's true motives, reaching no conclusions. Rodin Rae mentions a possible meeting with Sarpana in Toolibrie. Satyir vows not to drink until it is certain that Kyara is safe. As he is guiding the *Vivacia* through the astral seas to the Lyfeian homeland, along with Shadesong, Dreamsinger, Beorhtric/Kiriannin, Theta Tarn, Galatyne and Falana, this should make for an interesting journey. Falana, designated to keep Satyir away from the Lyfeians while in their lands, takes the news of Satyir's sobriety reasonably well.

Granarinth provides the revised clan songbook for final editing.

Aranek and Madhainn Dubhr challenge the elves to a singing contest.

hOOt Dreamsinger announces that he can never be known as the father of his son, given the unsteady political situation of the area.

The clan votes on the name for the continent, deciding on E'atara (meaning "The All Mother") as the official common name, although different races or groups may still have different names for it. Granarinth is appointed in charge of revising the map.

Springfest committees begin forming.

The elders announce increases in member dues (effective in Feb.), guest gather fees and springfest fees (effective immediately).

2002, February 16 - Starhaven

This gather was supposed to take place at Camp Murray, but due to an unexpected influx of brownies and greenies, Starshadow and Arëanna graciously invited the clan and its guests to their home in E'atara.

Kittarina is still missing, with no new information available, and Rodin Rae misses the gather to continue the search.

The expedition to the Lyfeian kingdom of Westermarek returns, mostly. Shadesong refused to abandon the limping *Vivacia*, and insisted on sailing the ship to Toolibrie herself. Ghostdancer forgoes attending

gather in order to travel with all speed to meet Shade in Toolibrie when she docks. hOOt saw, and was seen by, Sarpana at the Lyfeian court at the side of the king and Arch-Prelate. It is suggested that hOOt is involved with Sarpana, as she did not betray him to the Lyfeians. Upon Satyir's return to Kyara's side, Sadosed left with no word on where he was going.

Starshadow, having traveled from Crystalmyst, has lost the Staroidal Sphere and, as a result, also his hair. Arëanna, who could feel the presence of the sphere in Crystalmyst, confirms that it is no longer in the kingdom. The sphere is presumed to be somewhere on E'atara, although in whose hands is unknown. Due to an unstable level of magic in Crystalmyst, all non-natives have been asked to leave the kingdom.

Kyara becomes nearly hysterical over losing an "annulet", but is incapable of giving any further information on the matter. She is convinced to lie down, but returns minutes later wearing one of Satyir's vests and a headscarf, speaking with a gypsy accent and claiming to be Satyir. She declares the real Satyir to be an imposter, and refuses to talk to anyone calling her Kyara. E'ile, MeAgenn and Falana come up with the idea to work with her misconception, with Falana calling her Satyir and asking if "he" knew anything about the annulet Kyara lost. Flattered by the attention, "he" explains it is a green ring that Kyara always wears, but that "he" doesn't know very much about it. This prompts MeAgenn to recall that Kyara had asked her to inquire at her grove for information about a particular ring, and she had the translated scrolls. The scrolls reveal that the ring had been lost by an individual named Jaime and found by Kyara, and if Kyara was to lose the ring, her life would slowly ebb away. Indigo finds the ring, but it requires Galatyne and hOOt to convince him to give it back. After handling the ring, Galatyne is told that he could have been negatively affected by it, losing some of his life.

Joram sees Kelthos poisoning the food and pursues him outside, where Satyir and others help subdue Kelthos. Stalzer determines Kelthos is possessed by the entity linked to Beorhtric's people, and draws it into himself, to learn what he can from it. However, upon his doing so, the entity fights him, and Satyir, Falana and others tackle him/them in order to prevent any harm to those present. Galatyne recognizes that Stalzer is battling the entity within himself. Stalzer succeeds in driving it off, and reveals that the entity has no name, but that he has marked it and will recognize it in the future. Brother Bart is called upon to bless the food to remove the poison. However, he does not bless all the food, and hOOt is poisoned upon taking a few bites of a stuffed bread he'd made. The bard was quickly healed by Stalzer, and the contaminated food blessed to cleanse it. hOOt is later accused of "blinking" -- disappearing and reappearing elsewhere -- and it is suggested that Sarpana had something to do with it.

Willow receives her Welcomestone.

2002, March 16 - Willow's and Elam's House

The first gather hosted by Willow & Elam. Tallpine, Maya, Caitlin and Sana take over cooking, actually sending the hostess out of the kitchen. As always when Tallpine is involved with the food preparation, there is plenty to eat, surpassing even Stalzer's capacity.

Loquitor asks if anyone has seen Kyara recently, as she disappeared from his company a few days before.

Sadosed announces that a "broker of information" will be arriving with information on Kittarina's whereabouts. Once his contact arrives, however, it becomes clear that she is a slave trader, and that the transaction is not for mere information, but for Kittarina herself. When the trader, Selena, seems reluctant to accept the agreed-upon price, Indigo, Loquitor, and Fiona add to what Sadosed provided. Galatyne takes exception to supporting slavers, and tells the slave trader so. Kittarina is returned unharmed, and makes the unexpected gesture of thanking the guard who escorted her for her fair treatment. Galatyne, Rahne, and others confront Sadosed about supporting slave trade.

Kyara arrives late, explaining that Sarpana had summoned her to her dwelling in the astral realm. Sarpana told her it was to prove she meant Kyara no harm, and gave her a gift as proof.

Ghostdancer also arrives late, and without Shadesong. He is outraged that his wife was left in Lyfeian lands with a crippled ship, refusing to believe it was in accordance with her wishes and ignoring the explanation that she left port before Satyir returned to bring the *Vivacia* through the astral realm. Ghost storms out, railing against the rest of the party and announcing that he will go to the Lyfeians himself and retrieve her.

Willow is possessed by the entity, which expresses annoyance when Galatyne intervenes, interrupting its "summoning". Galatyne invites the entity into himself, and it accepts; the two battle for control of his body. Ashleen prevents the entity from continuing its summoning, by covering Galatyne's mouth. The entity attempts to use the paladin's powers, only to find them gone. It then reaches for his weapons, which are not upon him. Incensed, the entity attacks Falana, but Satyir, Sadosed, Stalzer and Ashleen wrestle it/them to the floor. Falana senses that the paladin is dying; when Stalzer attempts to heal him, it has the opposite affect. Before Galatyne dies, however, the entity flees him for reasons unknown. Kyara asks Falana why this entity has such animosity toward her, and Kiriannin. Falana replies it's because she keeps getting in its way.

Granarinth presents the Mead Guild with a special mead table.

Satyir catches on fire.

Fiona receives her Welcomestone.

2002, April 16 - The Moonlit Mug

Holly Berry proudly announces that she is now old enough to carry her own blade: a dagger given to her by Starshadow, one which had been enchanted by Cygnus some years before.

Stalzer arrives looking, and moving, much older than his years, a result of the mace he carries.

Starshadow bestows an honorary knighthood upon Granarinth, making him a Knight of the Crescent Moon to honor him for past service.

Ashleen receives a message from her sister Bethana via a courier. The courier declines an invitation to stay, saying strange events in the land make her reluctant to be caught in the open after dark. In the message, Bethana hints at grave tidings and asks Ashleen to come to her. Ashleen decides not to go to her immediately, preferring instead to continue searching for her brothers. She has heard of a wizard to the south who "collects" magical creatures for reasons unknown, and intends to seek him out.

Sadosed begins acting stranger than usual, voluntarily drinking sweet-water from Ashleen's cup. It turns out he is possessed by the entity, and attempts to throttle Firesmith. The entity says it has been instigating the use of magic against itself that it might collect it for its own use. It indicates that it has gathered enough power to leave the realm, and departs.

The Mead Guild presents Granarinth with a token of appreciation for his patronage of the Guild.

Sarpana appears outside the tavern, and is immediately confronted by, well, just about everyone. She is allowed to remain because she says she has information of interest to certain parties. She asks a glowering Kyara how the research on her ring is proceeding, and informs E'ile that someone is looking for her. From her description, E'ile identifies the person as her great-aunt. Sarpana asks for Rodin Rae, but is told she was not there. Sarpana then mentions curiosity at how her decryption of Lenardo's journal is going. Finally, she asks for "that charming bard". Someone asks if she means hOOt, to which she replies that that was not the name he gave the Arch-Prelate. hOOt comments that he did not reveal his identity to the Arch-Prelate. She tells him that, nonetheless, the Arch-Prelate knows who and where he is, and has sent someone, or something, after him. She then qualifies the statement to indicate she wasn't sure whether it was hOOt in

particular, or the clan in general that was the target. Galatyne asks what, exactly, was sent; she replies that he knew the sort of things the Arch-Prelate deals in, but that she did not know what he had sent.

Sadosed regales the clan with tales of Pennsic wars past. He also informs the clan that if no one volunteers to perform at Springfest's evening entertainment, he himself will sing for six hours straight. Rahne is inundated with volunteers shortly thereafter.

2002, June 1 - Springfest XV, The Wayward Woods

Fine weather graces the fest this year, although a brief shower heralded the evening meal (staved off by the efforts of Rahne and Stalzer).

One of the finest maypoles in clan history is danced to the sound of dulcimer, mandolin and drum.

The Wayward Games are renamed the Emeraude Games this year in honour of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the elven steading of Gilvaethwy in the Emeraude Forest (known to humans as the Wayward Wood). Four teams again face the myriad of challenges set forth in the Games, with the Red team (whose name grows every year) seeking to defend its title for a second time. Continuing the elven celebration, teams need to be captained by an elf, and many of the games are elven favourites. The rivalry between the Red team, The Winners Drinking the Blood of Our Enemies Who Fall Like Grain to the Knife, and the Orange team, Better Than Red, is immediately apparent. The teams run neck-and-neck through the four daytime events. While the Red team is exemplary in their performance in the evening event (the Elven Battle Hymn, in which the team's name must appear), in the end it is the Orange team who claims the title. Better Than Red is comprised of Sabine Eastwind (captain), Satyir the Chaotic, Sadosed MacDougail, Luthenar, Minky Loon, and Argenta.

This year's Quest is for the Rings of Power -- seven rings held by dwarf lords of olde. All seven are found, by Sadosed, Stalzer, Holly Berry, Ashleen, Theta Tarn, Luthenar, and Gabrielle.

The Light Archer tourney is won by Sabine Eastwind, who placed second in last year's tourney. In a Weapons tourney that will surely be remembered for years to come, many favored fighters are eliminated in the early rounds. Loquitor Braethen emerges victorious after defeating his liege Starshadow in the final round.. The Archer tourney, held late in the day, marks Starshadow's return to the competition. However, for the third consecutive year, the final round comes down to Loquitor Braethen and Medva the Hunter, and for the third consecutive year Loquitor wins the tourney.

The evening entertainment is exceptional, with a commendable performance by Sadosed as "Raffle Boy". Bardic Circle sees one of the finest first-try performances of "Have You Seen the Sprite?" yet...with Rahne taking the tenor part in hOOT's absence. Dreckbane appears at Bardic Circle in response to a dreck offense, driving the offenders off into the night.

2002, July 13 - Elders' Summer Summit, Starbaven

Amidst the cataclysmic rumblings on E'atara, and elsewhere, our fearless leaders met to make far-reaching decisions of their own. An early order of business was to abolish the Eldership (replacing it with the term Chieftain, and setting a hierarchy). A High Chieftain shall serve as the spokesperson for the clan, serving as both an administrative leader as well as an in character leader of the clan. The term shall last two years, and the first High Chieftain of FALO is Starshadow. With this change, they established new positions to be held by Moonstone holders -- Thanes (responsible for coordinating single events) and Reeves (responsible for overseeing one of four areas -- Springfest, gathers, quartermaster, and historian), with each position overseen by a Chieftain. Established guidelines for Moonstone holders to sponsor (mentor) prospectives. Established basis for creating two new guilds (Fighters and Archers), in addition to the Mead guild, all of which will be

overseen by a Chieftain. Determined that the fiscal year will run from High Summer through High Summer, instead of the calendar year. High Summer marks the period between Springfest and the first Fall Gather and occurs at the time of the Chieftain's Summer summit.

2002, August 3 - FALLO Day at the Sterling Forest Faire

Those present: Brother Bart, Kyara Braethen, Gypsie Gyzeline, E'ile, Khallil, Ashleen, Titiana Ruhr, Gabrielle, Xylon, Sparrow, Hawk, Gelf, Argenta, Long Branch, Kyara and Rahne were the only stoneholders at the dinner which followed.

2002, September 21 - Willow's and Elam's House

The first post-cataclysm gather proves unseasonably warm. This gather sees the highest number of winged in many months. There are many tales of the changes that have taken place.

Starshadow announces that Crystalmyst is now on E'atara, and has acquired, through indeterminate means, a castle inhabited by undead.

Arëanna has been affected by the cataclysm -- she is easily distracted and somewhat simpleminded.

Kyara arrived at the gather after living alone in the woods for the last fortnight. She had no memory of that time and she had lost all control of her empathy. She had been in Rockwood, the land where she had been a slave, trying to help the humans and elves figure out how to live in peace post-cataclysm. She is unable to feel Satyir at a distance anymore.

Angelica announces that Ravenhilt is now on an island off the coast of E'atara, which has left many of Ravenhilt's dryads dead. Angelica offers these dryad-bodies to Rodin Rae to use in building another ship as another of hers has been sunk. Rodin Rae is distraught at losing all her good clothes.

The hosts organize an archery contest, with a prize handcrafted by Elam. Granarinth wins the contest.

Fiona had her hand practically cut off by Satyir. If not for Stalzer, she would not have a hand. If Satyir had been at the gather she probably would have cut his head off.

Brother Bart announces that the Tree of Life has borne fruit earlier than expected, producing small silver acorns, which he presents to those who fought at Borandur.

Falana is possessed by the entity and sends Sadosed to bring Starshadow and Angelica to her, saying there is a danger present. She then tells Granarinth that he, Starshadow and Angelica have to leave, for the safety of all. He questions her, but she will not explain further. Galatyne and Stalzer rush out and tell everyone to stand back. The two then call on their respective deities and erect a shield to hold her/it. The entity mocks them, saying they are powerless and forsaken by their deities. Beorhtric arrives and begins chanting. The entity starts mocking him as well, until it realizes what he intends to do. When his spell is complete, he touches Falana, who collapses. Beorhtric then struggles with the entity within himself, and subsequently also collapses. Galatyne and Stalzer release their shield, and they minister to their fallen comrades. It quickly becomes evident that, despite the hour, it is Kiriannin who is present. He explains that the mage bound the entity to his own name, so that it might be contained within a stone. He cautions that the mage's name no longer be spoken, as it belonged to more than him alone. Brother Bart offers to take the stone containing the entity back to his grove for safekeeping, and Kiriannin agrees. Then Brother Bart stood watch as Kiriannin performed the rites he felt he needed to do in the forest.

Indigo is visited by a dwarven female claiming to be his half-sister. She presents him with a scroll written in dwarven as well as the family war hammer, saying it goes to the eldest surviving son. It seems his two older brothers have died. Indigo is half dwarf? It seems so. She hates him for being a half breed and may try to have him killed so her son gets the hammer. She makes no effort to hide her disdain for his mixed bloodline

and ignorance of his true heritage, and is equally insulting to Fiona, who got extremely indignant, not for being called a halfbreed, but because her offer of hospitality was scorned. To the dwarves that is a deadly insult.

The Archer and Fighter Guilds announce the charter members as Starshadow, Loquitor and Aranek (Archers) and Galatyne, Sadosed and Falana (Fighters). These members are charged with the initial qualifications of guild candidates.

The Reeves and Thaners address the clan about their respective responsibilities.

Springmeadow has been accepted as a Dreamkeeper by her tribe and can now wear the appropriate clothing.

Tange, in Maya's keeping, has been spitting up gems whenever he returns from his journeys. It is thought that he may be raiding a dragon horde.

Ashleen can talk now, but two of her siblings are dead and the other is not in his right mind. There have been earthquakes in the mountains and many orcs and other nasty things have come pouring out of the mountains to escape the dangers.

The Moonlit Mug is now stuck in one spot.

Shadesong has still not returned from across the sea with her damaged ship, and we have not seen Ghost since he went to find her.

E'ile receives her Welcomestone.

2002, September 28 - FALLO Day at the Corn Maze

A somewhat mundane outing attended by Agents J (hOOt), K (Galatyne), Mmm (Rodin Rae), N (Stalzer), Oh (Falana-Thane), Q (Springmeadow) and Cam (Nheric), as well as Tux (Kiriannin) and Agent Ah-ha. The team successfully negotiated the maze at its most difficult level by crossing all 9 bridges, collecting all the clues, and finding the missing gold. No innocents were harmed, although their cover was nearly blown by a young thug who persistently called attention to the secret agent team. Agent N ensured peak agent performance by leading the team to the Secret Snack Shack within the maze. Agent J utilized the top-secret equipment provided by Q to obtain clues from a safe distance, although he was also distracted several times by the shoe phone.

2002, October 6 - Chieftains Autumn Summit

Revised By Laws, created Manual of Arms, Discussed organization and oversight of Guilds, Penalties for Gather Response infractions, Insurance and stones.

2002, October 12 - FALLO Day at the King Richard's Faire

Rodin Rae (Thane), Bart, E'ile and Khallil, Kyara, Childra, Emberon we all present on a rather blustery day.

2002, October 19 - The Moonlit Mug

Fine weather holds for the gather, with a windy start and a slight warming after sundown.

Arëanna's still not quite her usual self, and some are questioning whether it is more to do with the new castle in the kingdom than the cataclysm. It seems as if there is more to raise an eyebrow about than just the

undead / "not alive" elven warriors who guard the place. Arëanna spoke with a ghost in the dungeon, who pointed to the location of what Arëanna is calling a "stick", but which actually appears to be a crystal flute.

Kittarina is spending increasing amounts of time with the eyrie egg. If it wasn't for Starshadow and Arëanna, Kitta would not be eating or sleeping. Thanks to them coming into the tower and bodily pulling Kitta from the stone she has been able to nourish herself, although she is still exhausted. About a week before the gather Kitta came out of a trance with the stone and decided to explore the rooms in the tower again. She found one of the doors unlocked and discovered some old books which she cannot read and some trunks, one which held a necklace that she now wears. She does not feel any power from this necklace as far as magic goes but she likes it so she wears it. With much prodding from Star, Kitta left to go to the gather and half way there she felt as if she needed to go back to the tower. She went back to the tower, communed with the egg again and when she came out of it she remembered some of what she saw. She saw some sort of battle, some large flying birds and the birds with something on their backs. Kitta then journeyed to the gather and starting hearing bits of conversation in her head. She is not sure what it is or who is talking and when she tries to focus on it the voices fade out. The voices come and go and she heard them a couple of different times through the gather. After the gather Kitta journeyed back to the tower to spend more time with the egg.

While the king and queen agree that the warriors do not actually breathe, they do differ on what they actually are. Arëanna says they are just "not alive", but admits that there is something not right about the situation. Starshadow claims that the warrior guards are not undead, but rather that they are eternal warriors, and that they are "getting better", saying they look a little pinker and fleshier. Galatyne, Stalzer and Falana request to visit the castle, although Starshadow hesitates to allow it, feeling that the holy men might try banishing his new citizens. After much discussion, the king relents and grants the visit.

E'ile's Aunt Igraine visits the Moonlit Mug to see what sort of folk her niece is befriendng. Despite some less-than-favourable displays, Igraine decides that we are acceptable companions for her niece and she also agreed to take on Sabine as a pupil in herbology.

Cygnus and Skye return after a long absence. It seems the cataclysm has reopened the pathways, allowing them to again join their clankin. Future travel will be difficult, but they will certainly keep trying.

Ashleen's brother Kieran stops by.

A memorial service is held for "He-who-must-not-be-named", who was lost last gather. Stalzer leads the ceremony, with Kittarina, Galatyne, Sadosed, Falana, Kiriannin, hOOt, and Firesmith speaking, and Indigo and Amnesia also saying a few words. Falana gifts Kiriannin with a deed-name, a tradition of her people, to carry in honour of the human whose body is now his alone - SilornaeglinFarinordestartil, which translates roughly to SongFinder. This also offers an alternative to using the birth name of the body in which Kiriannin resides. There is a question of whether his name is forbidden because it is now tied to an evil entity or because among Kiriannin's folk it is unseemly to speak the names of the dead. hOOt vows to sing a song every day in SongFinder's honour. Firesmith performed a ceremony of his people, where an object symbolic of the relationship with the deceased is burned.

This gather sees a similar winged attendance to last month.

Apparently hOOt has grown complacent with the minimal fairy population that has attended gathers this year - he eats from a fairy's hand, and winds up with heart-shaped spots on his face, horns and wings, which last most of the gather. Hopefully this will inspire him to be more careful about eating food that is held before him without looking to see who's holding it. Beren is a Raccoon Pooka! He was playing with wildlife while caught in a wave of the Cataclysm and...well...

Angelica's kingdom still slowly floating northward and getting colder only pine seems to grow in Ravenhilt.

Hoot gets enchanted again till midnight, the fairies made him pretty. His new fashionable look? Why, faun horns, green heart spots and golden wings.

Decoration was abound for all with autumn leaves tucked into headpieces and button holes with a touch of sparkles to make the look Fairyfic.

Sadosed was renamed for a short time but it was later discussed that Alura had originally renamed him and we should stick with that.... she did not name him poop-head... him has another name altogether.

The Chieftains call the question of whether to institute an additional fee on those who respond after the deadline for gathers. The majority of Moonstoneholders present vote in favour of such a fee.

2002, November 16 - Camp Nooteeming

This gather offers an early glimpse of the new Springfest site, albeit a cold and wet one. The cooks approve of the kitchen. It is a fairly quiet gather, as most of the attendees are reluctant to leave the vicinity of the fireplace.

Starshadow and Arëanna returned from Celebar after finding that the desert elf's homeland had been destroyed, and the circle of Magi are presumed dead. This is why none of the portals leading to and from Crystalmyst to Celebar seem to work, and why Arëanna's mind snapped. Plans have been made for Galatyne, Stalzer and Falana to come and "visit" Caer Falken, due to concerns about the High Chieftain raising an army of undead. Starshadow maintains that the "eternal warriors" are regaining vitality and Kyara has been sensing emotion emanating from the once dead guardians.

Four strangers appear at the door requesting shelter. It is soon apparent that they are not typical travelers, however, once one of them showed a drawing bearing a striking resemblance to Kiriannin. They claim to have been seeking him for 30 generations, having traveled from Amarlann (the continent formerly home to both Kiriannin and SongFinder, as well as Galatyne and Falana, and the base of Lyfeian power). Three of the four believe that Kiriannin is the one, and declare him a god, which, to his credit, he denies, to no avail. The fourth is a very vocal skeptic, but nonetheless, they give to Kiriannin a token - a Seflannin medallion, bearing the mark of his order. He is understandably surprised. They call upon him to bring peace to the land, which he tells them he cannot do, as he is no god, but the servant of one. They do not believe this. Upon hearing that Kiriannin's sword is in the possession of the Arch-Prelate, they swear to return it to him, and rush off into the night to begin immediately, they plan to return to Tyre in Westermarck, the heart of Lyfeian power, to attempt to retrieve his magical sword. A number of observers comment that it is unlikely that they will return as they will probably die in the attempt.

Khallil requests to take the Journey to become a full druid. As Bart's acolyte, he has ended his Druidic apprenticeship and has decided to embark on the often-fatal Ordeal of the Elements, a nine-fold series of trials needed in order to prove his worth to be consecrated as a full Druid. Brother Bart attempts to dissuade him, but Khallil is determined. In light of the elf's decision, Brother Bart concedes and calls upon Stalzer, Galatyne, Kiriannin and Rahne to ask their deities to grant Khallil their favour on his Journey.

Rinka Tur gave Bart a scroll meant for Rodin Rae. Recognizing that it was from a clan of Sea Elves and thinking it might be important, Bart shared it with the Clan. It spoke of a grave danger in the coastal waters that was affecting both the sea folk and the land folk. Bart took it to Toolibrie to deliver it to Rodin Rae.

hOOt Dreamsinger sings "Starshadow, King of Thieves" - a rare occurrence. Starshadow sings "Come Join Our Clan", which also has not been performed for a long while.

The year ends with 32 Stoneholders and one honorary member, up two from last year at this time. We gained Willow, Fiona and E'ile, but said farewell to Alura.

