

Estrella War .xxv. (Estrella War XXV; 2009) Arts & Sciences Competition Final Report

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The A&S Competition for War Point at Estrella War .xxv. was good! We originally had a total of 31 pre-registered entries (Measuring ('Scientific') Instruments = 8; Metal Weapons = 5; Silver-based Entry = 17). However, due to unfortunate circumstances (much affected by the modern economic conditions), a number of entries were not registered at Competition on site, leaving us with Measuring ('Scientific') Instruments = 8, Metal Weapons = 2, and Silver-based Entry = 10. **Winning two of the three Categories, the Atenveldt/Outlands alliance won the A&S War Point this year.** However, all entries were spectacular! This inter-Kingdom competition is one of the few within the Known World where very skilled artisans are encouraged enter without the fear of intimidating newer entrants (as sometimes occurs at lower-level competitions).

In the **Measuring ('Scientific') Instruments category**, we judged six entries (Atenveldt/Outlands = 5; Caid = 3). The top three ranked as follows:

<u>Entrant:</u>	<u>Kingdom:</u>	<u>Alliance:</u>	<u>Entry:</u>
1. Thomas Brownwell	Caid	Caid	15th c brass astrolabe
2. Bjorn Hrafnson Ohnstad	Artemisia	Caid	Backstaff
3. Geoffrey fitz Robert	Outlands	Atenveldt/Outlands	<i>Torquetum</i>

In the **Metal Weapons category**, we judged two entries (Atenveldt/Outlands = 2; Caid = 0). These ranked as follows:

<u>Entrant:</u>	<u>Kingdom:</u>	<u>Alliance:</u>	<u>Entry:</u>
1. Bran Padraig of Antrim	Atenveldt	Atenveldt/Outlands	13th c sword (Type XII)
2. Draco Rivenoak	Atenveldt	Atenveldt/Outlands	Viking <i>seax</i>

In the **Silver-based Entry category**, we judged ten entries (Atenveldt/Outlands = 7; Caid = 3). The top three ranked follows (note that the first entry listed is a group entry):

<u>Entrant:</u>	<u>Kingdom:</u>	<u>Alliance:</u>	<u>Entry:</u>
1. Ianuk Raventhourne / Ivan Petrovich / Steffan von Hessen	Atenveldt	Atenveldt/Outlands	Viking silver hoard
2. Grainne the Red	Atenveldt	Atenveldt/Outlands	Silverpoint drawing
3. Emery de Fittun	Outlands	Atenveldt/Outlands	<i>Zibellino</i> w/silver head and feet

Scrolls for first place in each category were prepared by our Kingdom Scribe, THL Hrefna Karsefni—my thanks go out to her. With a goodly number of volunteers for the A&S Competition on Saturday we were quite adequately staffed (all received volunteer hours). The Minister of Arts & Sciences (or appointed A&S Representatives) from the Principal Kingdoms worked together before the Treaty and War to arrange the A&S Competition and to propose categories for Estrella War .xxvi. (2010), and I offer them thanks for their assistance, time, and friendship. In addition, each Principal Kingdom provided a judge for each category, and these all worked well together, completing the judging in time to open the entries for populace viewing at 3:00 PM, as scheduled (judges also received volunteer hours). And, I must extend special thanks to THL Aurelia Chrysanthina Dalassene, my Emergency Deputy, and to Master Bran Padraig of Antrim, the Atenveldt Kingdom Arts & Sciences Champion, who graciously showed up quite early in the morning to complete setup and to handle on-site entry check in! I am also grateful to my Lady, Mistress Alexandra del Monte di Pietà and to my Household, *Ty'r llên*, for donating time, effort, and funding to provide a luncheon for the busy A&S Competition staff.