

THE BICRANIAL BEAR

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Greetings to the Citizens of Adiantum!

Welcome to the fourth and final BiCranial Bear for 2022. This issue contains a very useful article on how to sign up for access to the An Tir on line system where we will be doing our Baronial Polling from Dec. 1 through Dec. 12. And we give you a sneak preview of all the activities that will be available to the populace at 12th Night, a haiku and a recipe.

In the past year I have been trying to fill in some of the history of Adiantum and introduce its officers and champions. However, I would love to have articles by other folks. Write about what you love – how to do something, research you've been doing, no s--- there I was stories, memorable moments, etc., etc. The newsletter is a chance for us to share something more narrative or explanatory than what we post on our Facebook page.

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Not sure how to set up your An Tir dot org polling account? Here's a brief tutorial

By HL Emma Haldane

This was written using a Windows 7 PC with a Chrome browser. It works the same on a Galaxy Android tablet, using the Chrome browser, with slight visual changes on a Samsung Android phone. See the pictures at the end of the tutorial. The screens look the same on an iMac using Safari.

If you already have an Office or Event Steward account, and would like to make a Populace account for the polling, you will need to create a new user name, and use an email address that isn't already in the An Tir Account system. For example, if this is how you log into your Officer or Event Steward account,

John Doe JohnDoe@email.com

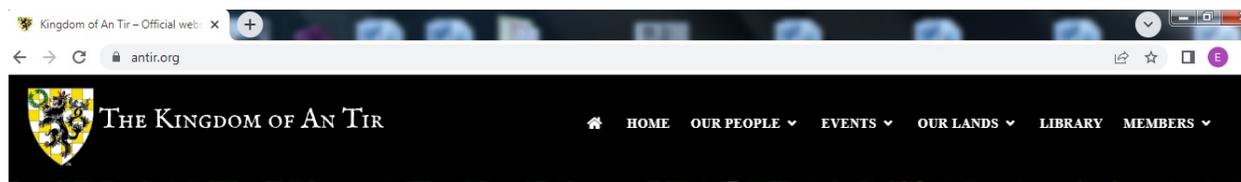
you would need to change your registration credentials for the system to accept your Populace account registration: Populace account registration credentials might then look like this:

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You will also need your SCA membership number when you set up your populace account.

Setting up the Account

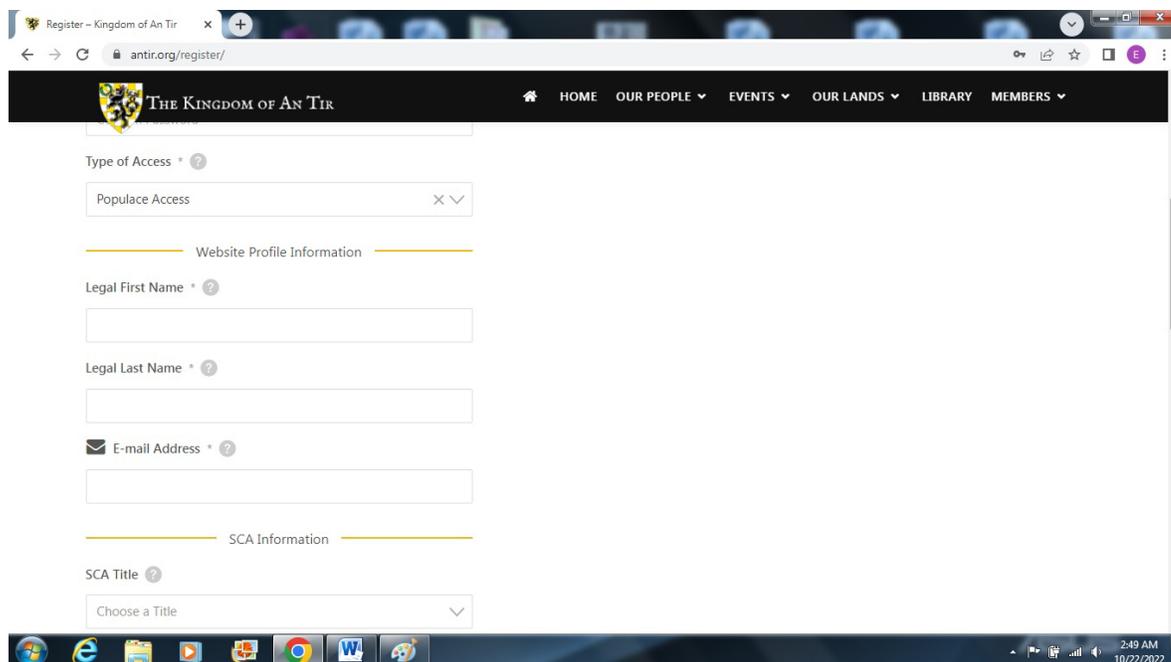
Open your browser to a new tab and enter antir.org in the url navigation field. You should see this:



Because the An Tir website has a lovely scrolling gallery, I can't get screen captures of the next step.

- 1) Put your mouse cursor on MEMBERS, the last option on the title bar, to the far right as you view the screen.
- 2) This will give you a drop-down menu with two options: LOGIN and REGISTER.
- 3) Select (click on) REGISTER

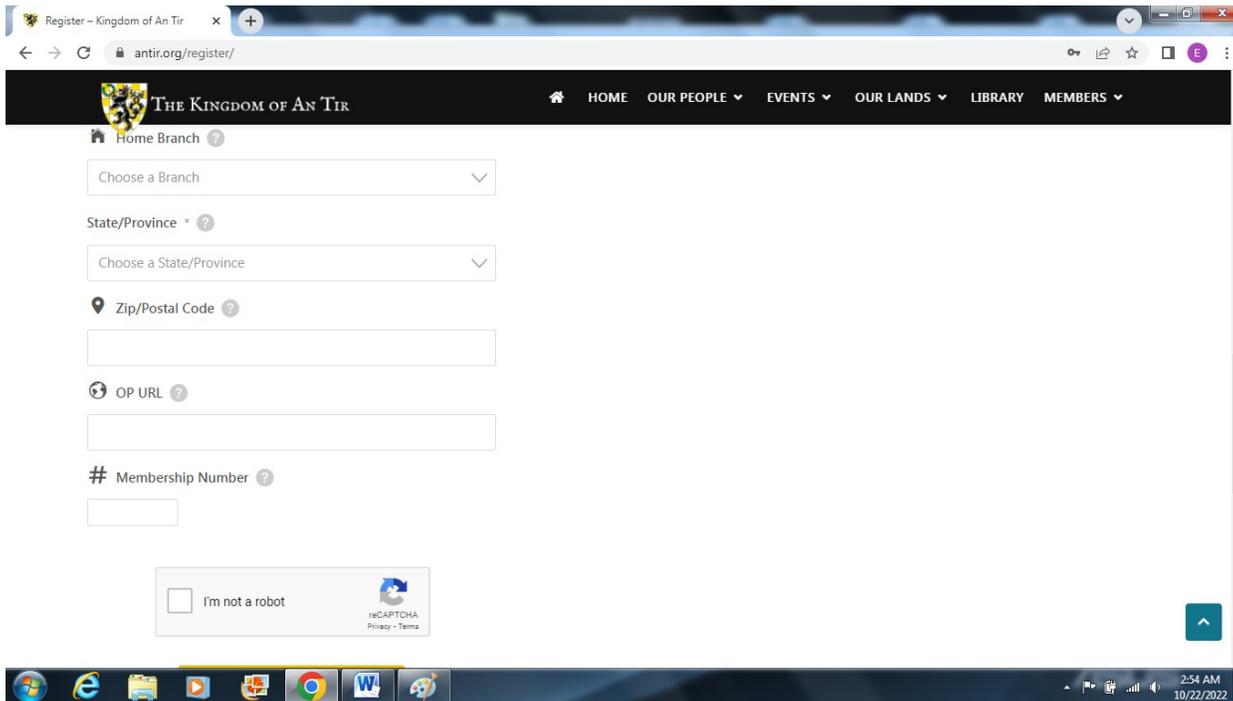
This should take you to a page that looks like this:



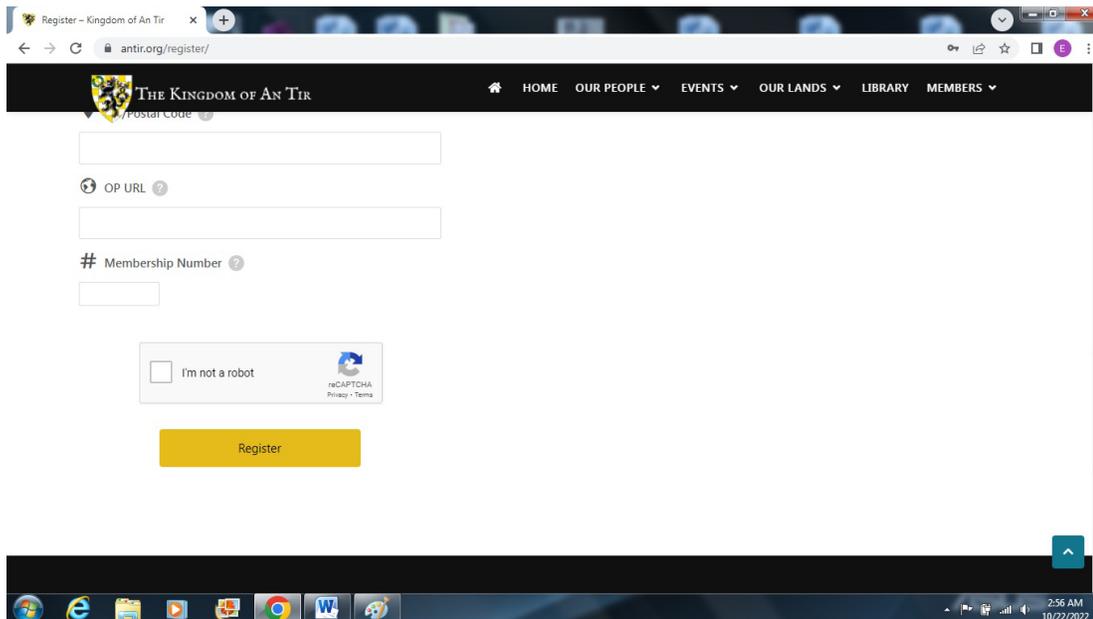
This is the form you will fill out in order to create an account.

The first field box is called TYPE OF ACCESS.

- 1) Select (click on) the POPULACE option.
- 2) Please notice there is a very faint "*" after the words TYPE OF ACCESS. This means that it's a required field. If there's no "*", you don't have to fill out that field.
- 3) EXCEPT, this time, you need to put your Zip Code into the unstarred Zip Code field. Here's a picture:



“...If you live within the borders of the Polling Barony (as defined by your zip code)...”
Once you’ve finished filling out the necessary fields (and the zip code), and reassuring CAPTCHA that you are a human, you need to submit your account application:



Select (click on) the big yellow REGISTER button.

Cell Phone view:

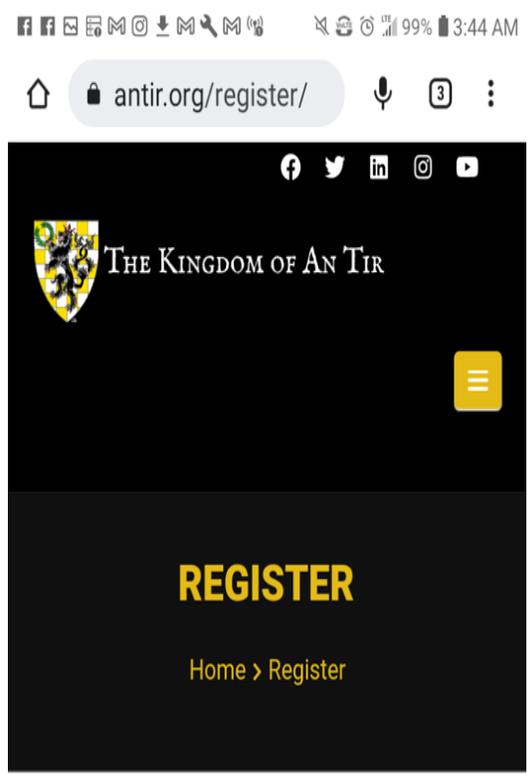
Here’s what it looks like on a Samsung Android phone, using a mobile Chrome browser. This is what it looks like when you arrive at antir.org on the mobile phone. That is to say, it MOSTLY looks like this. The gallery messes with screen captures on the phone, too. What is **important to see** is the yellow box on the viewer’s right, with the three white, horizontal lines.

Select (click on) the **yellow square** with the white lines. You’ll get a drop down menu that looks like the picture below.

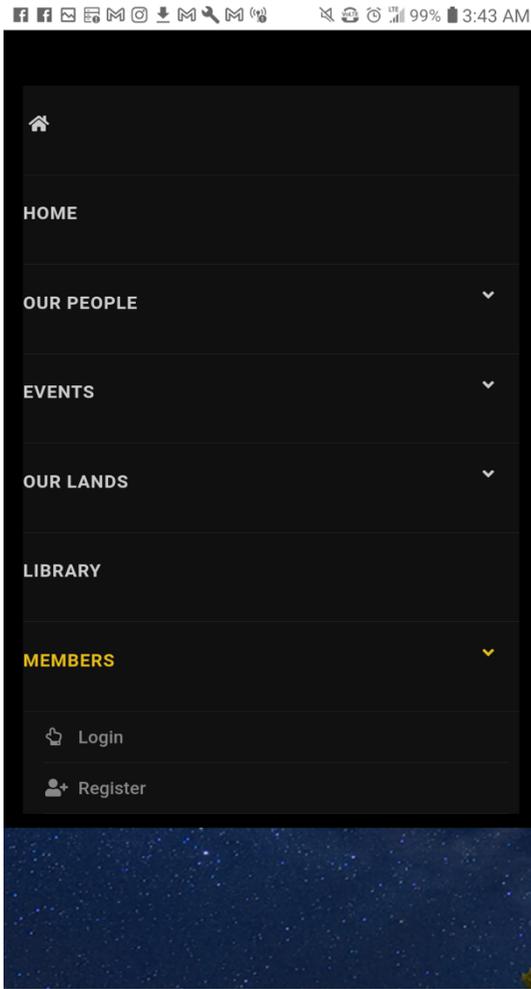
These are the same options you see on the title bar menus (pics above).

Select (click on) MEMBERS. This will get you the drop down menu that will let you register (and log in for the polling).

Select **Register**, and fill out the form, remembering that the Zip Code is needed.



phone:



Please remember, this is how you sign up to participate in the Baronial Polling process.

How the polling process will work is explained in the Facebook post quoted below:

“Greetings to the Barony of Adiantum, the time draws near for the commencement of your Baronial Selection polling.

Your polling is slated to begin December 1st and close at midnight on December 12th.

To prepare- please make sure that you have set up an account with antir.org, this will take a day or two as all accounts have to be approved. If you do not already have a login- please set one up now, to allow yourself the maximum amount of time to complete your polling.

On the day that the polling opens, you will see an announcement on the main An Tir page, with a link to follow.

This announcement will also be shared on the appropriate Facebook groups as needed. The polling will be accessible through this link: <https://antir.org/online-baronial-polling/>

You will need to go to the above link, log into your profile on the An Tir Page, and then you may begin the polling near the bottom of that page. It will start by asking you to please put in your Name, Membership number and zip code. The page will auto fill in your Branch based on our zip code database.

Once those items are input, you will be directed to 1 of 2 pages:

If you live within the borders of the Polling Barony (as defined by your zip code)

you will be taken to a page with details about the first couple, please fill in the support statement (multiple choice) and follow up with any thoughts or opinions you wish the crown to hear when making their decision.

You will then continue through a new page for each candidate couple until you submit all at the end. You may come back and change/update your entries until the polling form closes on the above-mentioned date.

If you do not live within the Polling Barony (as defined by your zip code)

you will be taken to a page that is an email template form to their Majesties' email address. Please feel free to register your thoughts/opinions in this form about Any and ALL candidates. Once submitted, this email will be sent directly to their Majesties for consideration.

*Please note- each registered member in the household can only submit 1 version of the form through the website for each Antir.org login. (You will need to register each member with their own email address).

If you should run into any issues, or haven't been approved for an account by the evening before the polling opens, please email the Polling deputy: Pollings@antir.org

Thank You,

Ana de La Sera

post / event, found on the Adiantum Discussion Group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BaronyOfAdiantum/permalink/6344764355539432>

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l'Falsari performing at 12th Night 2022. Come see them at 12th Night 2023 in Adiantum.

AN TIR 12th NIGHT IN ADIANTUM

We are hosting An Tir 12th Night at the Valley River Inn on January 13-15, 2023. As you may know from past years (2009, 2011, 2015, 2020), the hotel lets us decorate everything, including their staff (they wore Gold Key garb in 2020).

In addition to the pageantry of the Coronation Court and the Kingdom level meetings for peers and officers, there are lots of activities for everyone. They include:

Visit the Burgess Collection of Medieval and Renaissance manuscripts at the University of Oregon Knight Library on Friday afternoon, 2:30 – 4 pm. This is a free event open to a dozen people who reserve a spot. To reserve a spot, please email the event, 12thnight2023@antir.org and put “UO Mss” in the subject line. Give us you SCA and modern names, email, phone number, and the best way to contact you. [Adiantum folks, we can arrange a visit of our own at a later date.]

Incidental Music and Performances, in the main lobby on Friday, from 3 pm when the event opens through the evening, and perhaps on Saturday morning. You can volunteer to sing or play or perform a spoken piece, either as incidental music or a specific performance. Contact Master Hrodnavar Hakonsson (Steve Alter on Facebook) if you would like to participate.

Arts & Sciences Display, in the main lobby and the mezzanine level. Anyone can request space to display the things they have made. Contact Master Hrodnavar Hakonsson (Steve Alter on Facebook) if you would like to participate. Come check out the displays any time throughout the event. We hope to arrange mini geek sessions with the folks displaying their craft.

Italian Renaissance Ball with dancing to live music and a **performance of Scala’s 1611 scenario, “The Betrothed”** by the **Commedia dell 'Arte** troupe, i'Falsari, on Saturday evening.



At the Ball, enter the **Tablescape Contest** – create a period appropriate table decoration. Prize is six antique Venetian glass tumblers with sterling silver trim. To reserve a table (or ask a question), email 12thnight2023@antir.org with Tablescape in the subject line. Include your SCA and modern names and whether you are entering the contest or just reserving a table with friends.



Shop in the Merchants' Hall on the mezzanine, from 3 to 8 pm Friday, 9 am to 8 pm Saturday, and 9 am to noon Sunday. Our tentative list of merchants includes:

Reannag Teine (historically inspired functional pottery)

Viking Krafts & Sable Fleur Designs (knives, swords, jewelry)

Pastiche (books, fabric, trims)

Vandy Hall Designs (blown glass, jewelry, silk, fur)

The Bird & Bench (pottery, jewelry, wooden benches)

Vidar Leatherworks (belts, pouches, other leather goods)

Child of Fortune (individually made period clothing for larger men and women, jewelry, trims, pouches, horns)

Two Baronesses (winnings, hooks, peerage & kingdom buttons)

The Sable Hare (wood camp furniture, scribal boxes, flowers, candles with wood wicks)

Tabby's Hats (hand made hats, pins, fur, veils, coifs, feathers, etc.)

Drifa's Trim Box (handwoven Viking age wares, hats, leg wraps, shawls, trim)

Bronzehammer (Viking & early hand cast bronze & silver jewelry, leather goods)

Thisillium Pottery (medieval inspired porcelain & stoneware, textile items)

Red Troll Forge (ironwork and blades)

White Hart Pottery (maiolica, Tudor, German – Werra & Freshen styles)

Redwolf (brooches, clasps, pins, belts)

The Sheep's Clothing (leather belts, wool items)

Grouchy Mongol Armory (armor)

Feed the Ravens (Viking jewelry, textiles, leatherwork, etc.)

Visit the Roman Baths. We transform the Jacuzzi tub at the hotel into a Roman Bath experience, complete with graffiti and classes on Roman culture. Details still in planning.

Join the St. Distaff spinning circle in the main lobby, Friday and/or Saturday.

Newcomer or SCA Ex-Pat from another Kingdom? Come to a tea Saturday morning to meet other SCA folk.

Bid on items at the Silent Auction. Details to come, but this supports a charity chosen by the Crown. Items are donated by people sponsored by Peers.

Consult with a Herald about designing your arms in the main lobby Friday and Saturday.

Heavy Fighter & Rapier Practice -- Spar with fighters from all over An Tir Sunday morning.

Dine on period food. The hotel is putting together a Roman buffet for Friday evening and an Italian Renaissance buffet for Saturday evening.

Live Stream the Royal Courts.

Play “Can You Find The…” with the faux stained glass windows. Pick up the handout at Gate/Information in the main lobby.

Meet with the **An Tir Gardening Group** or the **Embellishers’ Guild**.

Details about all of these activities will be posted and updated on the event’s official webpage and Facebook groups:

Event official website: <https://antir.org/events/twelfth-night-2023/>

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2149510445225546/>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1175208226637913>

Discord: <https://discord.gg/5ReVxwXn>

Contact the Event Stewards at: 12thnight2023@antir.org

VOLUNTEERING AT 12th NIGHT

We could use your assistance . . . Contact us at 12thnight2023@antir.org to volunteer.

On Thursday, between 9 am and 4 pm, help put up the decorations.

On Friday from noon to 3 pm help merchants move their wares up to the Merchant Hall on the mezzanine. There is an elevator, but many hands make quick work.

On Friday from 3 pm through evening help folks take luggage to their rooms, especially if you have one of those lovely little folding wagons that would fit in an elevator.

On Friday, between 3 pm and midnight and Saturday, 8 am through start of Court, help at Gate / Information in the main lobby. Must be an SCA member to handle money and have prior training to handle PayPal.

On Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, help the LiveStream Team broadcast Courts. Requires some orientation. Some tasks can be done from home if you can’t attend.

On Sunday, between noon and 5 pm, help take down the decorations.

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Muirrenn and Eoghan were going through the Yamato Dynasty of Japan in the kids' history book, and Fynn was inspired by the legend of Susano's creation of the Japanese islands that came out of this time period. "We also studied a little of the cultural appreciation for beauty and poetry, so Fynn made his own Haiku:"

Tale of Susano,
He slayed the mighty serpent,
Made Japan islands!

Do you have a poem or article or favorite medieval recipe or handout from a class you've taught that you'd like to share through the newsletter? Send it along and we'll publish it. The next BiCranial Bear will appear after 12th Night, the first newsletter of 2023.



Autumn Sky at Chōkō (Chōkō shūsei), from the series Eight Views of the Ryūkyū Islands (Ryūkyū hakkei)ca. 1832 [Katsushika Hokusai](#) Katsushika Hokusai

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Magistra Pompeia Rufina, known as Fina (Luara Baseler), has graciously provided the Bicanial Bear with permission to print one of her tasty Ancient Roman redacted recipes!

Magistra Fina hosts the Facebook Group Friends, Romans, Countrymen of An Tir (unofficial). From the Group About section:

“...[This] group... [is a] resource for anyone in our community who has interest in Roman things. This group is a place to post and share ideas and resources not only for Roman clothing, but food, furniture and decorations too! And it is intended to be a place for sharing knowledge, resources, and generally fun geekery regarding Roman (and Greek) life, culture, clothing, and other things.”

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/635370304372742/?ref=share>

Dulcia Domestica: Home sweets

Original Text:

Dulcia domestica: palmulas vel dactilos except semine, nuce vel nucleis vel piper tritum infercies. Sales foris contingis, frigis in melle cocto, et inferes.

Translation:

Home sweets are made thus: dates are stuffed, after seeds are removed, with a nut or with nuts and pepper, sprinkled with salt and candied in honey and served.

Redaction:

- Ingredients:
- Dates
- Pine nuts
- Pepper
- Coarse ground salt
- Honey

Mix pepper with pine nuts to taste. Stone dates and fill with nut and pepper mixture. Roll stuffed dates in salt. Warm honey in pan until honey has become more fluid. Place dates in pan. Cook, turning the dates occasionally, until the skin of dates begins to split (about 5-10 minutes). Serve drizzled with remaining cooked honey from the pan.

