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# Barony of Borealis to host Grande Spring THUA



It is with great joy that I announce that the Barony of Borealis will be hosting the next Grande Spring THUA session. It will be held April 19-21, 2013, so keep this date on your calendars.

I would like to let you know a little of what will be happening between now and the session in April. We will be asking each group discipline (ie. Rapier, Heavy, Artisans, etc.) to help choose what instructors you would like to have brought up to Avacal to teach and what types of classes you would like to have during this session. We are also asking each discipline to help fundraise to bring these instructors into Avacal to teach. Please know that it will take approximately \$500 to fly an instructor into Avacal. This is why we are asking for help to fundraise. You should also know that if your discipline group raises funds, the funds will go towards YOUR choice of instructor first.

Let me clarify ... for example the rapier fighters want (so and so) to come and teach. They will hold taverns, bake sales, etc. to fundraise enough money to bring the instructor(s) of their choice to teach the classes of their choice. In fact, the rapier fighters hosted last night's tavern to begin the process of fundraising. In addition, the LoVE had a clothing exchange at Quad War and they raised \$76 and donated it towards the Grande Spring THUA!!! Thank you Ladies!!!

This being said, we will still be asking instructors from Avacal to teach, but we thought the theme for this session would be, let's let the instructors become students again!!

Your co-event stewards are Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail (vfoster63@gmail.com) and HL Faellan O'Dalaigh (faellan.odalaigh@gmail.com). Please contact us for more information, with your questions, with your suggestions!! Please start talking within yourselves to think of ways to help fundraise!

Let us make this Grande THUA Session GRAND!!!

Ever in Service

**Sadb and Faellan**

Co-event Stewards



## Crafting a Traditional Long Bow

I wish to ask if there are any interested in making their own longbow?

Traditionally, the English longbow was made from YEW. I have a source for staves of Yew that range from \$100-\$150 A STAVE. If anyone would like to be involved in this workshop, please let me know, and after Quad Wars I can put it all together and set up a date if the interest is in the Barony...the workshop would likely take place at my home in Sherwood Park, or at any venue that would be more central to the liking of the populace.

Here's hopig for a big response!

YIS

Donald of St.Andrews



## Officers & Deputies Needed



You can't run a Barony without Officers and Deputies. The Barony of Borealis has some openings that need to be filled.

Positions for; ~ Scribe (Officer)  
~ Deputy Chronicler

If you want to help out, but feel that you are not ready to take on the responsibility of an officer position, the Barony is always looking for Deputies. If your interested, please talk to our Seneschal.



## Taverns

# WE NEED HOSTS

*We are in Need of groups to run upcoming Taverns. If no one steps up, then the hall will be closed at the end of the business meeting.*

*Hosting a tavern is a great way to raise funds. Do you need to replace some arrows or blades or rattan in your newcomers boarner gear? Host a tavern!*

## Monthly Practice Pass Available



Only \$25.00 for the whole month!

Save time and money!

See Shavarrson, our Master of Stables, or Reme, our Baron for more information.

On sale the first practice of each month.



## Deadline for content submission to the Aurora

- ~ September Issue - Monday August 27, 2012
- ~ October Issue - Monday September 24, 2012
- ~ November Issue - Monday October 22, 2012



## Other Groups In The Principality of Avacal



Bitter End  
(Red Deer, AB) (Shire)  
[www.sca-bitterend.org/](http://www.sca-bitterend.org/)

Bordergate  
(Cold Lake, AB) (Shire)



Cold Keep  
(Prince George, BC) (Shire)  
[www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/](http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/)

Harrows Cross  
(Strathmore, AB) (Shire)  
[www.harrowscross.ca/](http://www.harrowscross.ca/)



Montengarde  
(Calgary, AB) (Barony)  
[www.montengarde.org/inside.html](http://www.montengarde.org/inside.html)

Myrgan Wood  
(Saskatoon, SK) (Barony)  
[theringlord.org/mw/](http://theringlord.org/mw/)



Rhuddglyn  
(Medicine Hat, AB) (Shire)  
[www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/](http://www.avacal-sca.org/rhuddglyn/)

Sigelhundas  
(Regina, SK) (Shire)  
[www.sigelhundas.or/](http://www.sigelhundas.or/)



Valley Wold  
(Moose Jaw, SK) (Shire)  
[valleywold.ca/index.htm](http://valleywold.ca/index.htm)

Vinjar  
(Grande Prairie) (Shire)  
[vinjar.antir.sca.org/](http://vinjar.antir.sca.org/)





# Getting Medieval Taking It Up a Notch

By Donald of St. Andrews

Are you a medieval re-enactor who wants to get beyond basics? Are you ready to test your sewing skills? Are you ready to spend a little cash? Do you want to look like a professional re-enactor at the Tower of London? Here are some things that you can do to look more impressive and wow your fellow re-enactors.

As a newcomer to the SCA, I am not new to medieval history. Having read dozens of books the past few years, and eager to accumulate some gear...I have been forced to learn many new skills with my hands since I have a family, and money is scarce. In the Medieval Age, they had lots of time, and little money...so they learned skills during the cold winter months to prepare them for the next year. I initially got involved to be a fighter. But you only fight so much, and then there's the archery, feasting, drinking, and socializing!

I have had to become a jack of all trades – a fighter/archer, an armourer, carpenter, leatherworker, seamstress, brewer/meadmaker/winemaker, musician, chandler, bowyer, and historian.

As a newcomer to Quad War last year, one of the very first things I noticed was the lack of medieval footwear, nice outfits, but a serious eyesore for me were the running shoes. I understand the expense of buying footwear on the internet, but there is no greater feeling than wearing period footwear while in costume and something as simple as a moccasin would do the trick. It is worth saving for, but there is a simple way to make your own turnshoe, and you can have it done in a day!

Wooden Pattens (shoes) are also head-turners, and actually are quite easy to make (even without prior wood- and leather-working skills - I have been wanting to make a pair for a while now. It was very common to wear them outside, especially in the city streets that were always muddy and full of all kinds of animal parts, rats, urine, and garbage. They kept you up and off the ground a bit better than leather.

As for costuming, I saw some good outfits, and some bad ones. Trim and edging played an important role in the nobility. Layers also - the more layers, the richer you were. As far as fabrics and seams go, when making your outfits, try to avoid showing clips and seams use buttons and invisible seams. When it comes to fabrics wait for a sale at Fabricland and buy linen. The beauty of linen is it looks fabulous on, and its cool to wear in the summer and its authentic and believe me - people notice. The first person I met on my wanderings at Quad last year, remarked immediately on the simple outfit I was wearing and said I should be a poster child for the SCA – It felt good, but the point is, they noticed the difference right away!

While we are on the subject of clothing, this is for the men folk as women's underwear should never be seen - Braies can be bought or made fairly easily, Hosen is much more difficult to make, but there are several places online which sell it. These two items put together make a world of difference to a man's appearance. Even dressed casually around camp, a man looks impressive even in his underwear if he has all the details right; he looks more medieval than someone wearing a very expensive houpplande over a pair of modern pants.

One more thing about costumes that often gets missed. Many nobles I saw at Quad War were topless and I do not mean the wenches - I mean no hats or liripipes. You would never have worked or played without a head covering in the 14th century, and does it ever complete your outfit. It is extremely easy to make a hat and a pattern for a liripipe is easy to find. My wife will be selling a few at Quad this year.

Other easy to fix costuming I noticed were eyeglasses, hair styles, belts, pouches, surcottes, embellishments, and jewelry.

While I wear eyeglasses mundanely, I religiously crack open the old contact lens case every time I put on my medieval clothing. Nothing ruins a perfect outfit like modern eyewear. Sunglasses are even worse; most people do not need sunglasses for medical/sight reasons. To me, they're akin to wearing tennis shoes while in costume. If the sun bothers you, wear a hat or hood—that's how medieval people kept the sun out of their eyes.

Everyone by now should know about Value Village and Goodwill for accessorizing, but with a little effort you can find just the right necklace/ring/embroidery to assist you in living up to your personae online. I use ebay for rampant lions and thistles.





Belts and pouches are so easy to make and decorate. With a little research, personalizing a belt can be very rewarding. Tandy leather is my haunt and it should be yours. It is worth not visiting coffee houses and fast food joints for a week to save enough for a shoulder of veg-tan to make a few belts and pouches.

Hair styles. For women, it may not seem important, but even learning some braids, adding a flower, using a covering woven into the hairs with a clip, buying hair extensions with braids improves the medieval look. For men, growing in long hair, buying a wig (for certain events), wearing a beard and/or braiding it makes all the difference. I know I get a lot of looks in my job for having long hair and a long goatee but it also gives me many opportunities throughout the day to discuss my "hobbies" and invite people to join me at the next feast, and many of them do!

My name is Donald of St. Andrews. My personae is very detailed and I can spin a yarn for an hour of my fictional life in the 14th century. I am of Irish descent, moved to Scotland to become a monk, since I was a third child I became a brewer of meads instead. Had to learn to fight to protect our enclave, since we were a small group, and we had to learn to help out each other in whatever gifts God graced us with. We were self sufficient, and we could serve the kingdom whenever called to do so. When you look at me,

you will see someone dressed as perfectly as a 14th century noble can be, and it makes me feel like I am for a time.

There is no good reason, if you love the SCA, that you cannot do the same with very little expense over the next year. I promise the kingdom, I will be offering my time and services in free workshops (material costs only) on history (personae, geography, guilds, etc.), bow-making (make a yew bow or crossbow), leather making (belts, pouches, mugs, sachels, shoes), chandlery (candles and waterproofing), brewing (meads, wines, beer), and carpentry (everyone should have a wooden chest or 2 (get rid of the Rubbermaid folks)). Thank you for inviting me into the fold, I still have much to learn, but I am so looking forward to sharing, working, and playing amongst you all after Quad War.

Next month, part 1 of 2 on making Medieval Shoes



## Newcomers Corner

### New in the SCA!

I moved to Edmonton in March of 2011 for work and found myself on my own in a big city for the first time. I found all my friends and family in Ontario too far to depend on.

A year went by where the only social life I had was of that at my job. I'd worked with the same people through-out the week and be expected to spend my off hours with them as well. With no one I knew having similar interests as me, I found myself stagnating.

I had heard of the SCA previous and had always been interested in Rapier. I decided to give it a shot. Immediately, my life changed.

Everyone I talked to was incredibly nice and accepting. At my first rapier practice, I met Dante, who talked my ear off for a full 2 hours about random historical facts, workings of the SCA and everything I could ever want to know about fencing.

The following events were similarly themes over-welming acceptance. I was no longer "just" Mike, I was Raphael Lamonte!, an Italian fencer with no less than 3 Bastard brothers (we now total 6)

The SCA gave fresh breath into my live. I had new friends, new experiences and new skill sets.

In short, I found my home away from home.

**Raphael Lamonte** 



# Festival of Trees 2012

By Yamadi Blackeye



We are now coming down to the last few months before all the ornaments have to be completed for our tree. We will only have 3 more Taverns and A&S Nights (September, October and November) to work on any ornaments as a large group.

During the month of August I am hoping to have time to design some simple Christmas tree ornaments using Quilling as the Technique in the construction. If all goes as plan, then I will have a couple of different designs for people to try and make during September's Tavern. If you want to learn on how to Quill, then this would be something that would give you a taste of what it is all about. I am hoping to have enough materials and Quilling tools so that up to 12 people can give this unusual craft a try.

I still need anyone who is planning of participating in this group project to let me know that you are interested, and what you are planning on crafting.

The main focus for ornaments this year will be different headwear throughout the ages. This will include helmets, fabric hats, hoods, and anything else that you can think of that was worn on the head.

This year we are trying to stick with a colour scenario also. Red and white will be the predominant colours of the ornaments. This will allow for the ornaments to be blocked in groups and swirled up the tree to the top, hopefully resembling a enormous peppermint.

We are still in need of someone, or a small group, to take on the challenge of creating a custom tree skirt to go along with our entry. If no one is interested, then I do have a glittery felt kind of covering that we could use.

We will be decorating the tree down at the Shaw Conference Centre on Monday November 26th. In past years everyone has worn some kind of Christmas hat to add to the general spirit of merriment, much to the delight of the other festival workers and designers.

## Largesse Challenge at Quad!

After talking with the A&D co-ordinator for Quad, I realize that I made a small mistake about the largesse challenge for the A&S war point.

**All largesse for the challenge \*MUST\* be made on site, over the course of the weekend.**

There will be a table at the A&S tent for people to collect items to use to make largesse. You can also bring your own materials, ribbon, buttons, sewing thread - any material you need to make items.

Unable to make largesse, but would like to contribute? Bring your spare bits of material (remember - big enough to make something out of it, even if it is a napkin!), decoration, leather, and more for others to use to make largesse for Their Excellencies, Wernar and Sina!

We will try to have a working table at the A&S tent (depends on space) so you can come by and get some things to work on, chat, or just drop off your largesse donations.

I will have tags with me for those who have not tagged their largesse - Their Excellencies will be trading these gifts far and wide, and want to help spread your wordfame! Tagging gifts also tells people that you are helping the society in your own way.

If you can't make largesse while at Quad, but still want to contribute, we will gladly take your largesse over the course of the reign! Their Excellencies will be giving away a lot of

largesse over the next 6 months, and will constantly need a supply to hand out. So if you donate a little bit later in the winter, that is A-OK!

So what kind of largesse are TE Wernar and Sina looking for? Basically, they want things that will enhance the flavour and look of our game. Please use natural materials (wood, linen, leather, cotton, etc) in all your largesse. Some ideas include:

- Haversacks (any size)
  - Wool mitts
  - Caps
  - Hand-dipped candles (non-to-very little scent please)
  - Napkins
  - Cast Tokens
  - Woven Trim
  - Leather pouches
  - spindles
  - Pottery
- And more!



Again, please do not bring items that are store bought, strongly scented, or any baskets as largesse.

I look forward to seeing all the Largesse we can get together for Their Excellencies of Avacal, Wernar and Sina!

In Service,

**Kseniia**

Largesse Co-ordinator for Wernar and Sina, Tanist and Tanista of Avacal



# July's Tavern Report



July 4, 2012  
Start time: 7:40 p.m.  
Finish time: 8:23 p.m.

**Newcomers: ?**



## Reports

**Baron/Baroness:** Silver Wolf. 4 new champions. Replacement cape of Borealis. Thank You Derk. AT War; 2 knights Slava elevated to Laurel. Mudslide kept us in Valemont. Polling still available tonight only. Quad War; Volunteers needed. Please set aside some time to sign up for a position. Culture in Borealis is without barriers, each member should be proud of our community.

**Senschal:** Congratulations to champions. Officer reports need to be in by the 10th or sooner. Polling; every participant member or non-member-your opinion is needed. Taverns; please sign your group up, great opportunity to do fundraising. It also makes taverns more fun. E-mail from Marcus requesting to switch Coronets for 2013. Motion to switch 2013 coronets with Cold Keep; Mike Harland, seconded by Adelaide.

**Chatelaine:** Demo in Peace River for Fire Fighters - in support of the Burn Unit - October 13, 2012. Please let the Baron and Baroness know if you are interested in helping out.

**Exchequer:** We have a healthy bank balance.

**Minister of Stables:** Practices have all been good.

**Youth Combat:** We are still proceeding at a good pace and going very well.

**Minister of Fence:** Rapier attendance is increasing. new authorizations pending.

**Minister of Arrows:** Running Tavern tonight. many events this summer, especially Quad. Loaner gear is available for those who wish to give Archery a try.

**Minister of Art & Science/Bardic:** Classes; suggestions are always welcome. sewing constantly. A&S table is set up tonight. please browse and ask questions. Challenge for Largess in September, please bring your treasures. A&S night the 3rd Monday of the month.

**Herald:** New rules for submissions, all in one place and it is easier to deal with.

**Chronicler:** Copies July's newsletter not complete. stories and pictures needed. Past stories about events that happened in the last few month are still needed. Chronicler was not able to attend everything. Would be nice to have more points of view on how Silverwolf was for you, need stories about Vik winning the crown of An Tir and becoming our new King, Winar winning prince of Avacal....

**Gold Key:** Will Gold Key be going to Quad? No. If you require garb, please make arrangements.

**Chirurgion:** Absent

**Scribe:** We have no one and if interested please see the Seneschal.

**Family Activities Coordinator:** Absent

**Web Minister:** Absent

## Calendar of Events

An Tir-West War; Dragon slayer in Calgary is a premier Archery event as well as other activites. 22nd Coronation ~ See Vik Crowned King. Beginning of August is Quad War/Investiture. Wenar and Sina. 18th of August is the Sergeantry Trials. Sept 8th is Harvest Feast in Bitter End. The end of September is Vinfest.

## Old Business

We Silver Wolf - 191 people through the doors; 116 partook of feast. No injuries or accidents to report. We had a profit. 1/8 of those who attended were non-members (approx. 30 people). Motion to purchase table cloths for Barony - \$36.00. Gregor, 2nd by Marina.

## New Business

Festival of Trees is only 4 months away. Please see Yamadi if your interested in being part of this. It is a fund raiser for the U of A Hospital. Head wear through the ages is the direction that the tree is going this year. The overall theme of the festival is Peppermint Twist. We will be doing red and white ornaments only.

Baronial thrones in disrepair. Motion to commission new thrones. Will be done by Yule of this year. \$500.00 dollars each. \$1000.00 total. Motion ~ Kashie, 2nd by Alena





# Arts & Sciences Night

July's A&S night saw a smaller crowd than the past few group gatherings. All in all, it was an interesting night with a bunch of different projects being worked on.

Guillaine, who is the Royal Scribe for King Vic came out and we were able to see how a charter starts off being designed.

Victory worked on some cross stitch while Baron Reme continued with making cloth board games for Largess.

Alesandra worked on the beginnings of her ribbon coif and Peregrine worked on a period game involving a leather board that is one of the components for the Arts and Sciences part of his Sergeantry trials.

Arts and Sciences night is a great way to meet people on a smaller scale and is less hectic than an event or practice. There is normally a variety of projects that are worked on that you could help out with, or just come out and see something different.

There is a great many opportunities for learning in the Arts and Sciences area.



# Archery News

Somerled was able to get the rate for our drop-in archers reduced back down to the \$5.00 fee that it was at the previous location. This will be in effect until the end of this year.

The Archers are still looking for space so that the Combat Archers can get some practice in with their cross bows. If anyone know's of a area please let one of the Archers know so that they can check it out and see if it would be usable.



Practices for the Rapiers have been going well with a steady group of 10 or so coming out for most practices. This past month saw a few more faces either check out what this disipline is all about, or actively participate in a practice.

With all of the WARs happening on the near horizon, practices have been focusing on many drills to help hone the skills of the fighters. During one practice, Tobias, our new Rapier Champion of Borealis, brought out his hand drum, and beat out a steady rythum for the rapiers during their "Go" drill. It was neat to watch the difference the drum made, and may of the fighters agree'd that it was helpful for this particular drill.

We were very fortunate to have a visitor join us for the Wednesday July 11, 2012 practice. Don Edmund, who normally practices in Vinjar, was in town for a couple of days. He very grasiously passed on a large amount of knowledge to those who were able to attend this particular practice, and was able to work with a few of our fighters one on one.



There hasn't really been a formal call to gather from our fun loving bards as they have all been getting ready for this years Quad War. There will be many activities that the Borealis Bards will either be participating in, or actively running.

It looks like Quad will be a great time for any and all Bards from Borealis to meet up with like minded peoples from all the different area's that make up Avacal.

Do you like to sing? How about hum, draw, doodle, paint, dance, play an instrument, make noise on an instrument, hoola-hoop or just hang out and have fun? Then this could be a group that you would like to join!



# Heavy Combat News



I am still looking for someone from the Heavy Combat community to write a small update about what is happening in your area. It doesn't have to be a thousand word essay, just a couple of paragraphs to let everyone know anything that has been a standout in a the given month.

This would also be a good area to let newcomers know what this area of skill and knowledge is all about.

# Sergeantry Trials

August 18, 2012  
Quad War Site

# Medieval Dance!!

For the summer months, the group will be taking a break from practice at our practice hall, but if the weather is good, Cath might hold the odd practice outside at the practice hall or at her home.

If you want more information, or to be put on the list about information about when they will be meeting, please talk to Cath at our Tavern.

# Culinary Guild



There is a Culinary Guild in the Barony of Borealis! They meet about once a month at one of the members home. If your interested in food, then this is a group that might interest you.

Please see our Chatelaine and she would be happy to introduce you to one of the members in this group.

# Leather Workshop offered.

Greetings Lords and Ladies,

If there is anyone in the Barony that requires a new leather belt, or pouch, or coin purse, armour, shields, or anything really made from leather - I am willing to put together a workshop to assist you in creating a masterpiece.

I have all the tools required, and the skills to assist you in creating the exact piece you desire. If the need and interest is evident, I can set up a workshop at my home for anyone to come and work on their projects.

As far as cost, the leather is the only cost...I can purchase the leather and charge back to you, as long as I know what you need, or you can purchase it at Tandy Leather in Edmonton at 178 St.

Generally speaking, a belt will be ten dollars, plus a buckle of your choice.

Please let me know and after Quad Wars, we can begin.

YIS,  
Donald of St. Andrews

# NOTE

The following are dates that the hall will not be available for practices.

AUGUST 2012: **August 5**

SEPTEMBER 2012: **September 2;**  
**September 9; September 16**

## Time Change

At June's Tavern meeting it was decided that the time for Wednesday night's practice would move from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. start time.



Upcoming Events  
August ~ December



**Quad War**

August 2 - 6, 2012  
Marsden, Sask



**Sergeant's Trials**

August 17 - 18, 2012  
Marsden, Sask



**Harvest Feast**

September 8, 2012  
Red Deer, AB



**Vinfest**

September 22, 2012  
Grande Prairie, AB



**Myrgan Wood Anniversary**

October 6, 2012  
Sask, SK, AB



**A Night of Byzantium**

October 20, 2012  
Medicine Hat, AB



**Samhain**

November 3, 2012  
Calgary, AB, AB



**Yule Feast**

December 8, 2012  
Edmonton, AB



**Quad War Investiture**  
**Principality of Avacal**

## Cry Havoc, and Let Slip the Dogs of War!!

*War has come again to Avacal! This Is Where We Fight!!*

*The Principality of Avacal invites one and all from the populace of our fair lands and beyond for Quad War. Castle scenarios, field battles and tournaments for both heavy and rapier will run throughout the weekend. If you are not interested in fighting there is also target archery, family activities, equestrian, Arts and Sciences, bardic, THUA courses and more to keep you busy. If you want to relax there is a Merchants' Row, as well as areas to keep company with friends, old and new.*

*It is with great pleasure that the Heirs of Avacal shall inherit the Thrones during Their investiture festivities on this fine weekend. The populace is also invited to attend and witness, with Their Highnesses, the selection of the Champion of Swords and Champion of Arrows' successors.*

There is no street address for this private site near Marsden, Saskatchewan.

**Driving Directions:**

From the North, South, West and South West - make your best route to Wainwright, AB. Go East on Hwy 14 (become Hwy 40 at the Saskatchewan border). Drive 8 Km past and turn North (left) on Artland Road. The site is 4.5 km to the West (left).

From the East and South East - make your best route to Saskatoon SK. Take Hwy 16 to North Battleford. As you cross the bridge, stay to the left on Hwy 40. It will turn West (right) midway through town. Go 5 km West of (past) Marsden, turn North (right) on Artland Road. The site is 4.5 km to the West (left).

Please bring your own drinking water - the local water is not potable.

**Site Fees for Quad War:**

Children 0 to 13 - Free  
Adults (14 and up) - \$25.00

Site fees are a flat rate for the entire weekend.  
There is no day rate available.

A non-member surcharge of \$5.00 per person will apply for any adult who is not able to produce written proof of a valid SCA membership.

Please make cheques payable to "SCA - Avacal".

**Troll hours:**

Thursday at Noon until Saturday at 4pm

# Sergeantry Trials

August 18, 2012  
Quad War Site

Join us for the Avacal Sergeantry Trials taking place on August 17, 18 & 19 on the Quad War site!

Enjoy the beauty of the Quad War site one last time before fall! Come help test the candidates of our great Principality.

Join the Sergeantry Candidates for the mighty Baronies of Avacal as they work to prove their worth! You are all invited to join the Sergeantry Candidates of Avacal's three great Baronies for the Principality wide sergeantry testing and trials. Come one and all to help test and cheer on the candidates of our great Principality. There will be heavy and rapier fighting, archery, arts and sciences presentations, bardic, dancing and many many other splendid activities, please come and witness this magnificent event.

Your help in testing their readiness is needed!

Jointly hosted by the Baronies of Borealis, Montengarde and Myrgan Wood

Site Fees:

Adult - \$10

Youth (Ages 6 - 14): \$5

Child (5 and under): Free

## A Note of Interest:



The Shire of Ravenslake and the Thieves of Hearts are presenting a combined event - the Known World Academy of Rapier and the Known World Costuming Symposium. This will be happening near Chicago, Illinois from November 9-11, 2012. If you are interested, here is a link to their Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/211361568961372/?notif\\_t=event\\_invite](https://www.facebook.com/events/211361568961372/?notif_t=event_invite)

There will be more information posted at a later date as plans are finalized. There is already many great teachers for Rapier, Cut and Thrust and for Costuming. They are also working on some other activities, such as a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago. It is hoped that everyone will be able to take a look at their collection of period arms and armor and paintings and fiber arts of the period.

The \$5 NMS does apply.

Make cheques payable to: ASCA- Barony of Borealis

Event Stewards:

Inga the Unfettered or Baroness Divera della Cava

If you have any questions, please contact:

Inga the Unfettered (Michelle Height)

by email at [michelle.height@ualberta.ca](mailto:michelle.height@ualberta.ca)

Event opens 5pm Friday, August 17th and closes at 2 pm on Sunday August 19th

Site Info:

Quad War Site

Marsden, SK

Directions to Site:

There is no street address for this private site near Marsden, SK.

From the N, S, W and SW: Make your best route to Wainwright, AB. Go east on HWY 14 (becomes HWY 40 at the SK border). Drive 8 km past and turn north (left) on Arland road. The site is 4.5 km on the west (left).

From the E and SE: Make your best route to Saskatoon. Take HWY 16 to North Battleford. As you cross the bridge, stay to the left on HWY 40. It will turn west (right) midway through town. 5km west of (past) Marsden turn north (right) on Arland road. The site is 4.5 km on the west (left).

## I Need Content!



One of the requirements for being a Barony is that a newsletter must be produced, at the very least, every three months!

*I need content to make this newsletter a good representation of everything that is happening in our Barony!*

Short stories on the various events that are attended by members of our barony would be wonderful as I can not attend everything.

Looking for someone from each of the key areas to write small stories to update our members on what is happening in your respective areas.

Other stories and articles on various topics would be wonderful. Trying to make the newsletter interesting for not only our current membership, but also for those who are checking out what we're all about.

## Local Avacal Yearly Events

### June

➔ **Silverwolf - Borealis**  
**Avacal Coronet** - TBA  
Tir Righ / Avacal War - TBA

### July

**Antir July Coronation** - TBA  
An Tir / WestWar - TBA  
Dragonslayer - Montengarde

### August

**Quad War / Avacal August Investiture** - Marsden Sask

### September

**Antir September Crown** - TBA  
Harvest Feast - Bitter End  
Theme Feast - Rhuddglyn  
Vinfeast - Vinjar

### October

Autumn Celebration - Cold Keep  
MW Anniversary - Myrgan Wood  
Skull & Crossbones Tavern -  
Border Gate

### Nov

**Avacal Coronet** - TBA

### December

➔ **Yule Feast - Borealis**

### January

12th Night - Montengarde  
**AnTir 12th Night** - TBA  
**AnTir Coronation** - TBA

### February

**AnTir A&S Championship** - TBA  
**Avacal February Investiture** - TBA

### March

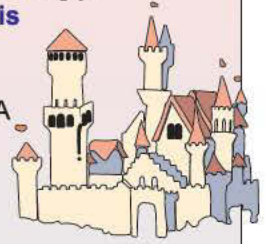
Avacal War Practice - Rhuddglyn  
➔ **Winter War - Borealis**

### April

Spring Champions - TBA  
Silver Arrow - Bitter End  
Beltaine - Montengarde

### May

Cold Keep Champions - Cold Keep  
**Antir May Crown** TBA



Check the Avacal Events page ([www.avacal-sca.org/events](http://www.avacal-sca.org/events)) or the Antir Events page ([www.antir.sca.org/upcoming](http://www.antir.sca.org/upcoming)) for a more up to date listing. Some events may be moved to a different month due to unavailability of site or conflicts.

## Monthly Calendar

### Tavern Night

1st Wed of Month - 7:30 to 10:30  
Alberta Ave Community Centre  
9218- 118 Ave - Cost \$3.00

### Arts & Sciences Night

3rd Monday of the Month  
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.  
Location changes monthly,  
posted on Borealis Yahoo  
account:  
Cost: Free



### Fighter Practice

All other Wednesdays  
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Sunday's - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Alberta Ave Community Centre  
9218 - 118 Ave  
Cost: \$5.00 Members  
\$5.50 Non members

### Dance Practice

Every Sunday that there's a fighter  
practice  
Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Cost: Free if your staying for fighter  
practice - \$3.00 Otherwise.

### Archery Practice

Most Tuesdays  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Capital Region Archery Club  
5618 - 76 Ave, Edmonton  
Cost:\$5.00 Lane Fee

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