

# THE AURORA

JANUARY 2012

## Yule Feast

See the special pull out section for more details!

**New!**

### Practice Monthly Pass

\$25.00 for the whole month of fighter practices.

Can be purchased at Taverns or at the first practice of the month.

Please see our Master of Stables or Baron Reme to purchase.



Barony of Borealis - [borealis.avacal.net](http://borealis.avacal.net)

Principality of Avacal - [avacal-sca.org/](http://avacal-sca.org/)

Kingdom of AnTir - [antir.sca.org/](http://antir.sca.org/)

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## Avacal Arts & Sciences Competition

Greetings Good Gentles,

I wish to remind all that February Investiture will also be the time to choose a new Principality of Avacal Arts and Sciences Champion.

Anyone interested in competing is asked to submit their intention to do so to their Highnesses Toryn and Evja, coronet@avacal-sca.org, to the Arts and Sciences Officer, Mistress Sabd ingen Thuathail, vfoster@xplornet.com, and to the Present Arts and Sciences Champion, HL Dragoslava Vladislava doch, sshoron@hotmail.com, by January 31.

Those vying for the championship are asked to submit 3-5 entries, and single entries for judgement are also encouraged.

Not interested in being judged? Please bring along any finished work or work in progress to share.

yours in service

HL Dragoslava Vladislava doch (Slava)



## 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; ~ Chirurgeon (Officer)  
~ Scribe (Officer)  
~ Water Bearer  
~ Web Minister (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.

## Officers Please Note:

4th Quarter Report must be received by your superiors by no later than January 15th, 2012. This must include your "doomsday" report for the year just finishing.





# Festival of Trees 2012

By Ymanyá Blackeye

The end of November brought about the end of our entry into the 2011's effort for the Festival of Trees. The final effort was a golden tree, that stood out from the rest of the trees at the festival because of the colours used. Everyone who participated in making the unique ornaments for the tree seemed to have a good time crafting the ornaments either on

their own, during an A&S night, or working on them during the last few taverns before the event.



Baroness Divera has expressed a wish that the tree for next year (2012) follow along the same lines as our "Tournament" tree that we did for the 2010 Festival of Trees. Mika, our Seneschal works in the industry that supplies a lot of materials to the committee that designs the designer trees that you see throughout the whole festival and has said that people still talk about that tree.

The Tournament tree was the first time that we did a design on a larger group, with the little wooden Norse Horses being dressed up for tournament. These spiraled up the tree to the castle at the top. This year we did two group projects for the tree, filling harvest baskets with fruit and vegetables along with decorating small



yarn dolls in their harvest best. These were in addition to individuals designing and crafting ornaments that went along with our "Harvest" theme.



This is a group project that anyone can participate in. Not really into designing Christmas tree ornaments? Help out with the crafting and construction of the ornaments.

There will be a number of different group projects throughout the coming year that you can help out with.



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  
(Grand Prairie) (Shire)



[vinjar.antir.sca.org/](http://vinjar.antir.sca.org/)





# December's Tavern Report



December 7, 2011  
Start time: 7:45 p.m.  
Finish time: 8:10 p.m.

**Newcomers: ?**



## Reports

**Baron/Baroness:** Nov Coronet. Congrates to Tanist + Tanista. Fenrick. Greetings from HRH. Yule coming, Kingdom 12th night Jan 6 in Canton of Silverhart.

**Senschal:** Upcoming Taverns. Thank you Coryn, Hall - Stay or go - Rent same time - Wait time. Kesenice resign lease, Valgard Second

**Chatelaine:** Demo on Sat went well, donation of \$100.00. Demo on January 5+6 at AB Ave Hall - 1-3 on Sunday

**Exchequer:** Healthy Bank balance.

**Master of Stables:** N/A Everything going well. remind about card for practice fees. Youth Combat starting Sundays with Arwyn.

**Master of Fence:** going well, new fencers attending, spread word.

**Master of Arrows:** Going well. Royal Round scores submitted, looking for new practice location so crossbows can be used this summer at practices.

**Minister of Art & Science/Bardic:** Set up A&S table at back with books. Going to be set up monthly. Classes at Yule, see lists, No A&S meeting for December. Back in January.

**Herald:** All is well, nothing to report.

**Chronicler:** No entries of copy. Needs to speak with households to get input. Sign up for monthly newsletter. Baroness encouraged contributions.

**Gold Key:** All is well. Garb sent to demo this past month, all have been returned.

**Chirurgion:** Vacant. Write us a letter.

**Pied Piper:** Lots of plans for Yule, decorate tree, then take resultful ornaments home. Will have cookie

decorating. Any help would be appreciated.

**Youth Combat:** Youth combat to start back up with Arwyn

**Water Bearer:** Vacant

**Web Minister:** Tweaks done to website.

## Calendar of Events

Yule Feast December 17, needs donations for Silent Auction. Yule Feast 2011@gmail.com. Entertainment Dulcomer, Kashi, Borialis Musicians. AnTir 12th Night - Jan 6, 2012. Montengarde 12th Night - January 14, 2012, February Investiture - February 25, in Myrgan Wood.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

New Principality Chronicler needed ASAP. Vender for raw wool - Alpaca. December 25, hall closed. January 1, hall open.



**As long as the weather is nice, we will be helping out with the Deep Freeze Festival held at our practice hall.**

**If you can help out, see our Chatelaine!**





Presents;

# Amour!

The Borealis Rapiers will again be hosting February's Tavern. Many ideas still in the works....

The popular Desert Revel might again be tempting all those new years resolutions.

Another idea for this year in the works is to have a "Naughty and Nice" Tavern, with the help of The Borealis Bards. You might be able to purchase a performance valentine for the one you show your affection to.

A "Naughty" valentine to bring a blush to their cheeks, or a "Nice" Valentine, declaring your love and affection? You decide! (Note: the Bards MIGHT be Bribed to not performed a valentine!). It's hoped that the night will be filled with song and laughter.

Money from this tavern will be going to replace and upgrade needed equipment for the Rapiers Steel Key.



**Come on out  
for an enjoyable evening**



April's Tavern will be hosted by the Huscarls.

As in previous years, they will be running their popular "Olympics", with contestants vying for the possession of the Fools Cup, and bragging rights for the rest of the year.

**Be prepared for a night of fun!**

## December's Tavern



Thanks to Coryn of the Wode who took up the challenge of cooking for Decembers Tavern at the last minute, allowing us all to stay after the general meeting and visit with friends.

For those who were partook of the meal, we were treated to a meal of roasted pork, masked turnip and potatoes, homemade biscuits, and a choice of two desserts,  
mmmm

## March Tavern



March Tavern will be hosted by our Archers.

You can look forward to an evening of merriment and companionship with good friends and old.

Look for Green Beer to make an appearance!



## Taverns

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 loaner gear? Host a tavern!

- January Tavern** ~ The Machiavellies
- February Tavern** ~ Hosted by The Rapiers
- March Tavern** ~ Hosted by the Archers
- April Tavern** ~ Hosted by the Huscarls
- May to December** ~ NEED HOSTS



# Yule Feast 2011

Unto the populace of Borealis and Avacal do we, Mistress Sina, Lady Kseniia, and Lady Olena (!), send greetings,

As the last event of the calendar year comes to a close and we finally decide to get some sleep, we just want to take this time to thank everyone who attended Yule Feast this year. We were fortunate to have relatively good weather this year (until the evening), and many of you took advantage of the opportunity to learn a little bit about medieval Russian culture. For that, we greatly thank you and hope you enjoyed your time.

Second, we wish to thank those who volunteered to teach a variety of classes during the day. We can't thank you enough for sharing your knowledge and information with the rest of the populace at the event, and we saw a lot of the fruits of your classes around the hall as the day went on. We also thank those who donated items to and/or bid on items for the silent auction. The money will go to the Barony of Borealis to help us continue to do awesome things.

We also have some very specific thank you's to dole out: Cassius and Jeanette: For helping feed us, look after us, help with set up and take down, help us serve and keep the feast lines moving, and anything else we can't think of - you two are awesome and we greatly appreciate all your help.

Catherine of the Rowan Tree, the Borealis Dancers, Cassia Machiavelli, musicians, and the woman who sang opera (I can't remember your name! Sorry!): Thank you so much for donating your time and talents to entertain our guests during feast. Please, don't stop the lovely works you all do.

Kateryna Tkach: Thank you for running troll, even if it meant you sat there all day!

Coryn and Dirk: Thank you for helping Olena with feast Coryn, and thank you Dirk for helping with set-up!

To so many more people whose names we cannot remember right now - we do know you did hard work, but the sleep deprivation is catching up to us. So although you are not mentioned by name please know we are grateful for your help and you are valued for your contributions.

May everyone have a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all soon. A lost and found list will be posted in the next day or so.

Spasiba,  
Yule Feast 2011 Autocrat team



## Borealis Snowballs

### Raising funds and supporting charities

At November's Tavern, Shafter announced that he would be participating in the "Movember". This is a fund raiser that raises funds for Prostate Cancer research. Many of our local athletes and media celebrities participate in this charity. Although he put the challenge out there, he was the only one who participated, and was able to raise over \$300.00 for the charity.

If you're going to be part of a run, walk, bike ride, marathon, or one of the other events that charities use to help raise funds for their causes, this is the spot to let everyone know what you're going to be doing and also how you did.



## An Tir Arts & Sciences Competition

Greetings all!

Each year a new Champion of Arts and Sciences is chosen for our Kingdom, just like at the Principality and Baronial level.

We have so many talented people in Borealis! One way to show off those skills - and to encourage others to try new projects - is to enter A&S competitions. Yes, it's challenging and sometimes a bit scary, but you can do it!

Go on -- there's still time to enter the Avacal A&S competition and plenty of time to prepare for the Borealis A&S.

Even if you only enter one item it's a great learning experience. If you have questions or need help getting started just ask your friendly A&S Minister (that's me)

Let's show the rest of the Knowne World that Borealis has talent!

Ever in service,

Coryn





# Upcoming Events

## 12<sup>th</sup> Night

January 14, 2012  
Montengarde ~ Calgary, AB

Autocrat: Keira of the Shadows

Their Excellencies of Montengarde, Baron Beothuk of the Beothuk and Baroness Willma the Still wish to invite the populace of Avacal and the Known World to the 32nd 12th Night Celebrations

In addition to the Rapier and Arts & Science Champions much fun is to be had in armoured combat, archery and other activities.

Archery will be offsite at the Calgary Archery Club (4855 - 47 st S.E., Calgary AB, T2B 3S5)

**Site Fee:** Adults \$15.00, Youth (12-18) \$6.00,  
Children under 12 free.

Subject to the \$5.00 Non-member Surcharge.

**Feast Fee:** Adults \$10.00, Youth (12-18) \$5.00,  
Children under 12A free.  
Family cap (2 parents & children both site & feast) \$60.00

**To pre-register for the event and feast please visit the online pre-registration form**

Make cheques payable to "SCA Inc. Barony of Montengarde" and can be sent to  
Leaha Maisonneuve  
204 Dovercrest Place SE  
Calgary, AB

If you are paying by cheque please include all the information noted in pre-registration form.

### **Feast Menu:**

Appetizer: French Onion Soup & bread with jams  
Main Courses: Roast Pork Loin, Grilled Mixed Vegetables,  
Stuffed baked potato  
Dessert: Fruit & cream

### **Site Info:**

Bowness Sportsplex  
7904 43rd Avenue NW  
Calgary, AB T3B 4P9

## Upcoming Events February ~ May



(No information available as of time of printing.)



### **Avacal February Investiture**

February 25, 2012  
Myrgan Wood



### **Winter War**

March 10, 2012  
Barony of Borealis



### **Spring Thua**

April 20, 2012  
Barony of Montengarde



### **Silver Arrow**

April 28, 2012  
Shire of Bitter End



### **Beltaine**

May 5, 2012  
Barony of Montengarde

## Monthly Practice Pass Available



At November's tavern, Shavarrson, our Master of Stables proposed to make available a monthly pass for practice.

The cost of the pass would be \$25.00, and would be available at Tavern night, or during the first practice of the month for which it was issued. If the pass holder came for more than 5 practices in the month, then there would be a savings to them.

It was decided to have a trial run of 3 months to see if this option for practice participants was popular. For the month of December, there were 7 passes purchased.



## 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 - Marsden Sask  
**Avacal August Investiture** - TBA

### 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

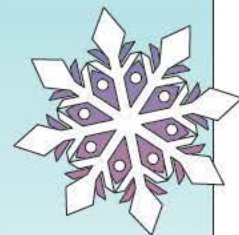
Avacal War Practice - Rhuddglyn  
➔ **Winter War - Borealis**

### 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

2nd Monday of the Month  
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.  
Vik & Inga's - 463-4445  
1235 - 72 St. Cost: Free



### Fighter Practice

All other Wednesdays  
7:30 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  
7404 Meridian Street, Sherwood Park  
Cost: \$5.00 Lane Fee

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