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# FAMILY DAY DEMO

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## The Black Rose Won by Local Archer



Not many people outside of Archery know of a prize called the Black Rose.

This is an award of recognition for the archers, and was started in the Barony of Montengarde. It is a year long tournament that is open to all levels of archers. Throughout the year, archers participate in tournaments in their respective category - beginner, intermediate, veteran or master bowman. If you win the tournament in your category, you are awarded a black ribbon. At the end of the year, these ribbons are added up, and the person with the most black ribbons wins the year long Black Rose Tournament.

Through many hours of practice, and many tournaments, our own Grioffa won the recognition of the Black Rose. She was in the running for the honour with Argent of Montengarde as they both had the same number of black ribbons for their respective categories. This forced a shoot-off between the two archers.

The shoot-off consisted of a challenge of six arrows. The two finalists were to shoot at a target that featured a drawn slit in the middle of a group of trees and bears. The object of the challenge was to get as many arrows within the narrow slitted area, missing the bears and trees. Argent had a cluster of arrows, while Grioffa had five of her arrows in the desired area of the target, all in a row. For an impressive showing of Archery skill, Grioffa was awarded the Black Rose for 2008.

### Other sites to check out for information;



Principality of Avacal -  
avacal-sca.org/



Kingdom of AnTir -  
antir.sca.org/



SCA Inc. -  
www.sca.org/

# Announcing.....

Genic and Quinn are pleased to announce their engagement, and have a wedding date set for April of 2009.



Ann and John Fawkes would like to announce that Little Anna has a new sister!

Little Clare Elizabeth was born at 3:58 a.m. on October 8, 2008.

Congrats to the whole family!

## Meet the Populace



**Coryn  
of the Wode**

This issue's *Meet the Populace* is a story about a member of our Barony who has been playing for a number of years.

Coryn has been involved with the SCA for about nine years now, or since A.S. 34. She has been a card carrying member for eight of those years. What got Coryn interested in the SCA? Well, her kids were part of the local group, and she "Began playing because I saw my children were having a lot of fun in the SCA."

Over the years, Coryn has watched the vast changes that have affected our Barony. "When I began playing, our group was the Canton of Veraquilon, in the Barony of Borealis. Then it was renamed the Canton of Vatnsdalr. When the Barony of Borealis (which included Vinjar and Bordergate) was dissolved our local group became the Shire of Borealis. It became a Barony again during the time I was the seneschal here."

Coryn's persona is a merchant from the 14th Century, and is based in East Anglia, which is just northeast of London, England. Coryn and her husband Dirk run Coryn's Garb Shop, a store that features well made, easy care clothing for the whole family. You will find her along with Dirk at many events in and around Avacal selling her wares. In addition to her clothing business, Coryn is involved in the Borealis Cooking Guild, has a vast knowledge in a great many different topics in the Arts & Sciences, and is well known for her homemade mead.

In past years she has held two officer positions in the Barony, once as Seneschal and one as our Gold Key Officer. She has either run or helped out in many of our local events and has been a A&S Champion of Borealis and for Avacal. This is one busy lady!

# BE A FOOL!

April's Tavern falls on April Fool's Day.

Wear a funny hat for a chance to win a prize!

Hosted by the Huscarles

Come for a fine dining experience and some laughs.



Photo: Marika

# FAMILY DAY DEMO

Again this year, the Barony participated in the Mill Woods Family Day Mediaeval Days. This was our third year participating, and it continues to grow and get better. This year the visual element was further enlarged with the aric being decorated with members' devices. We also had a great many more displays showcasing the various activities that people participate in. Guillaine set up a calligraphy and illumination table, and crafted some keepsakes for the kids by making bookmarks that featured the children's names in Old English Calligraphy.

The Borealis Musicians set up a large display of instruments and information and spent the afternoon answering questions and playing for everyone. There was a big display with a number of different pieces of garb and embroidery in addition to the many other displays highlighting the other group interests - Musical, Heavy, Rapier, Archery, and a general information display. Again this year, the archers ran a "Archery Lane" where the kids could try shooting plastic arrows at a target. This was quite popular with a great lineup for most of the day.

Cath ran a dance segment that showed off the intricate steps of many of the period dances. She also filled the aric to overflowing with many of the members joining the general public in doing a couple of fun dances that were easy to learn and join in. It sure is an impressive site seeing heavies in armour, Rapiers in with their hats, and our other members in their fancy garb kicking up their heels and showing off all their footwork.

This year, Cartoonagins had the kids making their own masks, and mediaeval shields which added to the day's experience for the kids.

Photo: Cynewulf



Photo: Adelaide



Photo: Marika



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Something else new that was tried out this year was the suggestion from the Chatelaine that the rapiers and heavies might want to include the public a bit more by choosing inspirations from the crowd. Many were tickled to be included in the "fighting" part of the demo in this way. We pretty well maintained a crowd about four deep watching the fighting part of the demo throughout most of the afternoon. The Heavies and Rapiers each did two rounds of demos in the aric. There were some great "deaths" that had many a chuckle happening from not just



Photo: Marika



Photo: Cynewulf

the people watching, but many of the fighters on the side lines. In one of the scenarios, the Rapier girls ganged up on the Rapier guys. When the ladies disarmed Ansgar, who was the last man standing, he threw his arms wide and begged the ladies to finish him off ~ which they did in a most spectacular fashion. In the second round for the Heavies, they too grouped up, with many of the newer fighters going against our more experienced veterans. They held their own for a good portion of the battles, but eventually fell to the tow to one odds. In the last battle of the day, the soon-to-be prince was dragged from the battle field by a very helpful opponent.

This day was again a success for our little barony as we have had a few people from the demo come out to a few practices and connect with our group.



Photo: Adelaide



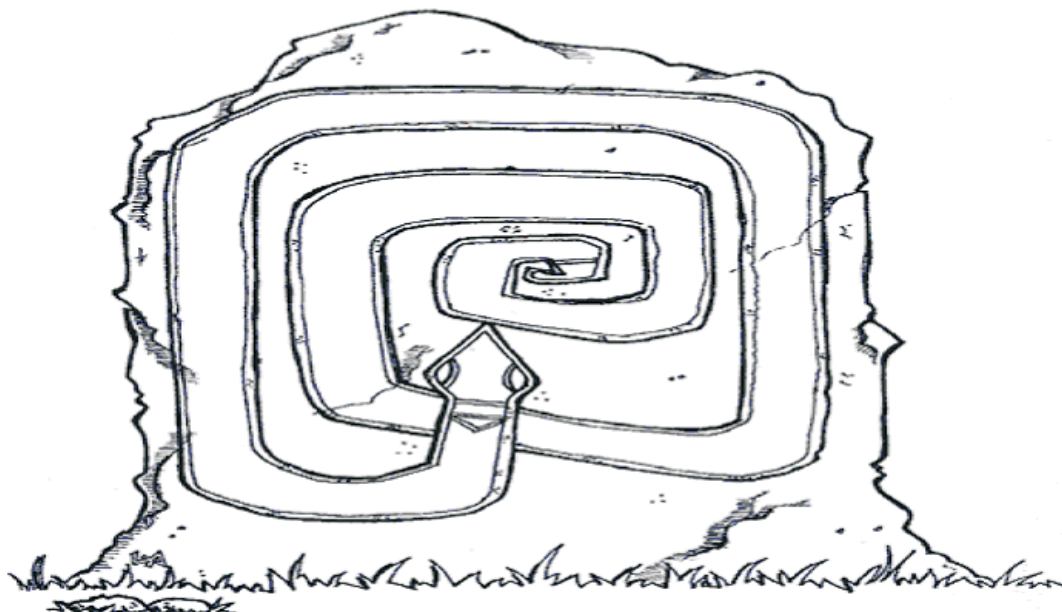
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### Rune Stones

The letters of the Viking alphabet are called runes. Runes were often carved into stones as a memorial to a person or a special event. Write a message on the rune stone below.



### WORD SEARCH

- King
- Queen
- Vik
- Inga
- Toryn
- Natalia
- Hjalti
- Erika
- Prince
- Princess
- Tanist
- Tanista

P R I N C E S S  
 R T T A N I S T  
 I N R T Y E A N  
 N H J A L T I Y  
 C K V L S N Q R  
 E G R I G Y U O  
 E J N A K J E T

# 3 Month Local Event Calendar

## War Practice

March 13-15, 2009  
Shire of Rhuddglyn  
Alsask, SK

Site Fee: \$20.00  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## Feast of the Evergreens

March 21, 2009  
Shire of Bordergate  
Cold Lake, Alberta

Site & Feast \$18.00  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## Spring Champions

March 28, 2009  
Barony of Myrgan Wood  
Medicine Hat, Alberta

Site & Feast 25.00  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## Winter War

April 17-19, 2009  
Barony of Borealis  
Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Site & Feast \$11.00  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## Silver Arrow

April 24-26, 2009  
Shire of Bitter End  
Red Deer, Alberta

Site & Feast \$25.00  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## Beltaine

May 2, 2009  
Barony of Montengarde  
Calgary, Alberta

Site & Feast \$?  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## Pillage Practice

May 9, 2009  
Shire of Sigelhundas  
Regina, SK

Site & Feast \$?  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## An Tir May Crown

May 15-18, 2009  
Barony of Montengarde  
Calgary, Alberta

Site Fee \$15.00  
Please add \$3.00 NMS

## May Champions

May 30, 2009  
Shire of Cold Keep  
Prince George, BC

Site \$10.00 & Feast \$10.00  
Please Add \$3.00 NMS

This is not a full listing of everything.  
For more info for different areas in Avacal,  
please go to

[www.antir.org/Upcoming/](http://www.antir.org/Upcoming/)

## Monthly Calendar

### Mondays

Archery Practice  
7:45 - 9:00 p.m.  
Sherwood Archery Lanes  
429 Sioux Rd, Sherwood Park  
Cost: \$7.00 Lane Fee

### 2nd Monday of the Month

Arts & Sciences Night  
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.  
Vic & Inga's - 463-4445  
1235 - 72 St. Cost: Free

### 3rd Monday of the Month

Dance Practice &  
Culinary Group Meeting  
Where Fairies Live  
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
10991A 124 St. - Cost: \$2.00

### 1st Wednesday of the Month

Tavern Night - 7:30 to 10:30  
Capilano Community Hall  
10810 - 54 Street - Cost \$2.00

### Fighter Practice

All other Wednesdays  
7:30p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Sundays - Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
Alberta Ave Community Centre  
9218 118 Ave  
Cost: - \$4.00 Members, \$4.50 Non  
Members



# Local Avacal Yearly Events

## June

Silverwolf - Borealis  
Avacal Coronet - TBA  
An Tir/West War - TBA

## July

Antir July Coronation TBA  
Dragonslayer - Montengarde

## August

Quad War - Marsden Sask  
Avacal August Investiture - TBA

## September

Antir September Crown - TBA  
Harvest Feast - Bitter End  
Unnamed Event - Rhuddglyn  
An Tir - Bardic  
Championship - TBA  
Vinfest - Vinjar

## October

Autumn Celebration - Cold Keep  
MW Anniversary - Myrgan Wood  
Theme Feast - Border Gate

## November

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

Feast of the Evergreens -  
Bordergate

## April

Spring Champions - TBA  
Silver Arrow - Bitter End  
Beltaine - Montengarde  
Winter War - Borealis

## May

Cold Keep Champions -  
Cold Keep  
An Tir May Crown TBA  
May Days - Windwyrn

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.

## Want Ads

Need serfs. No wages, but small garden to grow your own food. Must be willing to work from sunup to sundown. Hovel Provided. Bring the whole family! Please see Baron Albaster in Stone Keep, England.

War Equipment For Sale  
Slightly used, blood has been cleaned off. Interested persons please respond during next raid.

Special occasion wear available.  
Will fit well endowed females.  
Please see Angel at The Church Cellar- St. Mark's Basement, Venice

Knives of All Kinds  
Roaming knife merchant with flint, copper, and steel knives. Will be in Kensington, England in Spring. Taking orders Now.

Apple Tree Orchards have hand made baskets for sale. Wonderful aromas. Great for keeping linens pest free! See Shady in the Market Square every Saturday.

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