

THE AURORA

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A word from our Baron and Baroness



Photo: HL Beothuk

Unto the populace of Borealis we send a warmest greeting,

As the time for feasting and merriment is coming upon us let us remember those that are worthy of recognition. We all know of those awesome people that are so deserving of an award you know the ones that think they do nothing but actually do so much.

So we implore you to take the time to look over the many awards that can be given unto Our great people and to get those recommendations into Their Royal Majesties of An Tir and Their Highnesses of Avacal.

Links to help you along the way:

<http://antir.sca.org/Pubs/ATH/6awards.html>

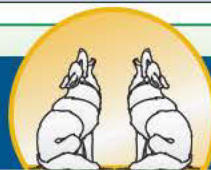
<http://www.antir.sca.org/recommendations.php>

http://www.avacal-sca.org/officer/her_files/awards.html

http://www.avacal-sca.org/officer/award_rec_files/avacal_award_rec.html

Looking forward to raising our glasses and toasting the Awesomeness of the great people of Borealis!

Reme & Divera



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!

Say What?



Photo: Peregrine Falconer

Write a caption for the picture!

The best ones will be published in next months newsletter

Septembers Picture.

Some of Last months submitted captions...

Who knew I could do the Keebler Elf Dance? ~Reme

Fee Fi Fo Fum, I see a ... ~ Ymany

Yikes What's on my foot? ~ Galeana

I'm going slightly mad ~ Kseniia



Photo: HL Beothuk



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; ~ Chirurgon (Officer)
~ Scribe (Officer)
~ Water Bearer

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.



Other Groups
In The
Principality
of Avacal



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

Bordergate
(Cold Lake, AB) (Shire)



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

Harrows Cross
(Strathmore, AB) (Shire)
www.harrowscross.ca/



Montengarde
(Calgary, AB) (Barony)
www.montengarde.org/inside.html

Myrgan Wood
(saskatoon, SK) (Barony)
theringlord.org/mw/



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

Sigelhundas
(Regina, SK) (Shire)
www.sigelhundas.or/



Valley Wold
(Moose Jaw, SK) (Shire)
valleywold.ca/index.htm

Vinjar
(Grand Prairie) (Shire)
vinjar.antir.sca.org/





September's Tavern Report



Meeting: September 7, 2011
Meeting opens: 7:45 pm
Finished: 8:50 pm



New Comers: ?

Reports

Baron/ Baroness: Baroness welcomes everyone. Quad War went well this year. Sargentry Trials went well and congratulations to our newest Sargent - Daniel Le Broch.

Seneschal: Thanks Machiavelli's for tavern this month. Sign up for November tavern True North Wind (October), Yule Feast schedule see Kasenia(?). Winter War needs an Autocrat. New positions are coming up if you are interested come to to Mika.

Chatelaine: There is a Demo in December evening Talk to Kasenia.

Exchequer: We have healthy balance in the bank. Jennete is the New Deputy.

Master of Stables: Fight practise is going well. We need a new cash box.

Motion: The Barony will buy a Fighter Proof cash box for \$30.00 or less. Laura motioned and Kasenia 2nd it. Motioned Passed.

Master of Fence: Practises are going well with a couple of new people. There is a shortage of room occasionally we are working together with the Heavy fighters though.

Master of Arrows: Practises are going well. We need a new place as our outdoor range is gone. New place is East of Sherwood Park with a 40ft outdoor range.

Arts and Sciences: No Report

Herald: Absolutely nothing to report.

Chronicler: The September Aurora is out. Still in need

of more articles for the next one.

Gold Key: Apologized for No Gold Key last month. Nothing new and all is good.

Chirurgion: No Officer yet.

Ministry of Family Activities: New name for Pled Piper. Nothing to report.

Web Master: Change of Offices needed for Web. Web presence with more of a higher profile through Kingdom.

Calendar of Events:

Harvest Feast - September 9 to 11 2011(Bitter End),

Feast of Plaid - September 17 2011(Ruddglyn),

VinFest - September 24 2011(Vin Jar)

Autumn Celebration - October 1 2011(Cold Keep),

Myrgan Woods 32 Anniversary - October 8 2011 (Myrgan Wood)

Skull and Crossbones Tavern - October 22 2011(Sigelhundas),

November Coronet - November 25 to 27 2011(Ruddglyn).

Old Business:

Make recommendations for any awards to Their Excellencies.

Festival of Trees is a go. If you are interested in making Ukaranian Dolls see Yamadi to night after meeting.

No Sunday practise for the month of September as well as December 25 2011 and January 28 2012.

New Business:

Yule Feast theme "Old Russian Christmas" with dancing, games, Childrens A/S (1 entry, 2 age categories) and Russian Feast by Alaina.

Meeting Ajournd: Kasenia motioned and Marina 2nd

September Tavern

Septembers Tavern was hosted by the Machiavellis. On the menu for the evening was a choice of 3 stews, Chicken, Beef or Turkey. There was a selection of desserts for those members who had a sweet tooth.

All money raised from this tavern will be going towards the costs of construction of Cavalier City at the Quad War site, and also the cost of bringing out Heather Dale to this years Quad War.

We are quite short of loaner armour.

If you are bringing new fighters out, please let Peregrine know in advance so we can try to suit up everyone.

Any donations of outgrown items, especially hockey helmets (with solid back and sides), and girls sports protection would really be appreciated.

**Youth
Combat News** 

Festival of Trees 2011

By Ymany Blackeye

Again this year, we are going with a theme for the overall look of our tree. It was decided by the group of individuals that came out to decorated the 2010's "Tournament" tree that we would be saving some ornaments that were crafted by Victory and using them as the inspiration for our 2011 entry.

When I looked at these ornaments, I thought that the designs and technique that was used in crafting them would of been used by someone in times gone past to add something special to a piece of clothing that was being crafted to wear to a special occasion like a celebration of the harvest being brought in from the fields. .

At September's Tavern, little yarn doll bodies were stared. Hopefully these will be finished at this months tavern, or a good part done.

Lana Rose also bumped into a couple dozen little wicker baskets that she thought would go well with our theme. She thought that people could fill them with different items to represent a basket of plenty. If you had seen any of my postings on the Borealis Yahoo groups site, you'll know that I have been playing

A Harvest Celebration

around with trying to make representations of food out of Origami, (not with very much success). I bumped into some air drying clay at a west end dollar store, and it didn't take long for me to craft a small pumpkin, and a bunch of three carrots - and they even do look like a Pumpkin and carrots.

We are still after a individual or a group that would like to take on the crafting of a unique tree skirt for our tree.

Anyone can participate in this group project. If you are not into designing ornaments, then help out with either the construction or decoration of the yarn dolls, or help to fill the tiny baskets with a harvest of colour!

All money that is raised by this event is used to buy specialized equipment for the U of A Hospital. This year, the Festival of Trees is raising funds to support an Intra-operative "O" Arm CT Scan and supporting software for the Head and Neck Cancer Surgery Program at the University of Alberta Hospital.



Victory's Ornament

Just Wondering

"Question: Since we're doing a "Harvest Celebrations" theme for this year's entry into the Festival of Trees ... I was just wondering, were there Scarecrows in Medieval times?

Ymany

Answer:

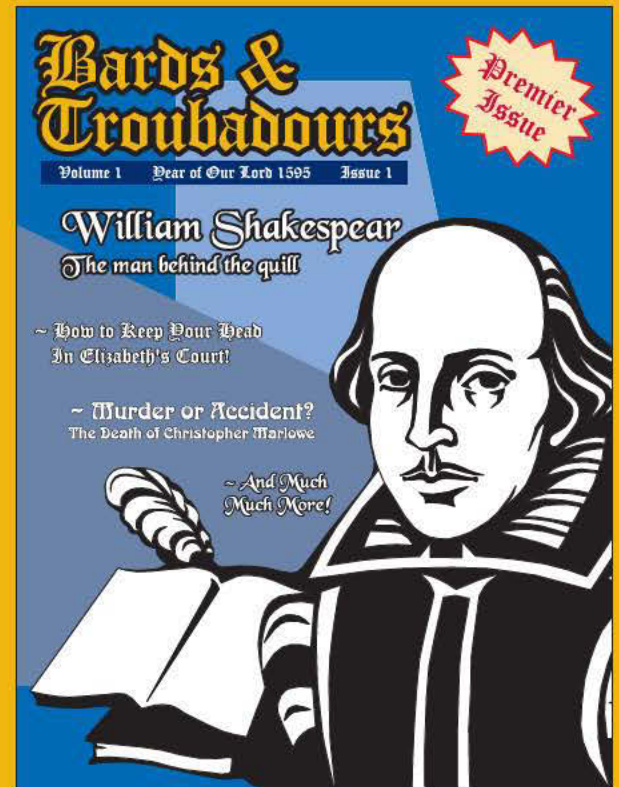
I found this on a 'history' website. I don't know how reliable it is, but for what it's worth:...

In Medieval Britain scarecrows were live boys who were 9 years old or older. Known as bird scarers or bird shooters, they patrolled wheat fields carrying bags of stones. If crows or starlings landed in the fields they would chase them off by waving their arms and throwing the stones.

The Great Plague killed almost half the people in Britain in 1348, so landowners couldn't find enough bird scarers to protect their crops. They stuffed sacks with straw, carved faces in turnips or gourds, and made scarecrows that stood against poles.

Kilian of Limerick

Magazines that could have been



Need Content!

I need content for the newsletter to make this newsletter a good representation of everything that is happening in our Barony and the travels that our members go on.

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.

If you can help, please come and talk to me.

Ymany

Right off of the battlefields of France!

Come check out what's new in armour!

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Can custom fit to all figure types.

We also carry the Big Macho Man line for the males in your group!

Star Stone Creations
Merchants Row ~ Borealis Market



Photo: Beethuk



Borealis Snowballs

"And the kindnesses kept snowballing."

This one sentence came from a article in a issue of a magazine that I read quite frequently. It was a story about a church who asked for volunteers, and didn't tell them what they would be volunteering for until the pastor had the volunteers in front of him. Each of the volunteers where given \$100.00 to go out and make life a little better for others.

One 9 year old started a drive called Shoes4Souls, and collected 2,500 pairs of shoes. Through friends, family and the kindness of strangers, one mom was able to deliver 6 dozen booster seats to social services for lower income families, and a little 8 year old girl made some fleece blankets for kids in homeless shelters. When others found out what she had in mind, they donated enough so that she was able to make 200 blankets.

One of the latest issues had a article about a man in his thirties who had lost his job. He felt fortunate that he had savings that he wasn't in dire straights as some others would of been. So, he decided that while he was out job hunting, he would give someone in his travels \$10.00. This he did every day for a year. He said that he was amazed with what some people did with the \$10.00 that they received.

A young grad student took the \$10.00 and bought baking supplies. He met up with the student a few day's later, as the

student was handing out 2 home baked cookies to people that he met. One cookie was for themselves, and the other was for them to pass it onto someone else that they met.

You've all heard of "random acts of kindness" or "paying it forward". So, I'm hoping that members will write stories about how some kind of kindness has made a difference for them, and maybe inspired them to throw a snowball of their own, and make the world seem a little more magical for someone.

I myself have been on the receiving end of a random act of kindness, and it turned a real rotten day around where the world wasn't so gloomy anymore.

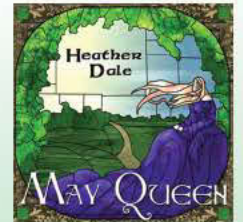
If you have been on the receiving end of a "snowball" or if you know of someone who throws snowballs, please drop me a story to put into the Aurora.

Raising funds and supporting charities

I would also like this space to be used for the many good deeds that our members do in the way of supporting the various charities in and around Edmonton.

We have participated in the various drives as a group in the past, wether it was raising food bank donations at a Tavern night, or doing a winter coat drive at our Yule Feast event, It would be nice to let others know of what we have accomplish as a group.

If your 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 your going to be doing and also how you did.

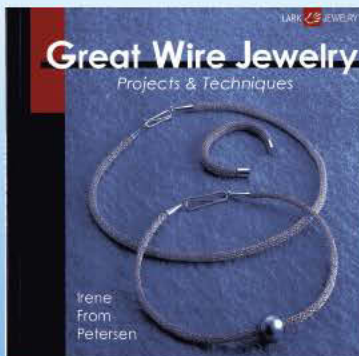


The Music of Heather Dale

If you missed her at this years Quad War, you can still get one of her CD's.

Great Selection!

Available at Galena's Closet.



Great Wire Jewelry
Irene From Petersen
\$12.95

Imagine my surprise when I was hunting after origami or Quilling books to come across a book that screamed SCA, especially with our new Prince and Princess, Prince Toryn and his Lady Princess Evja who have expressed a desire for Viking Jewelry as largess.

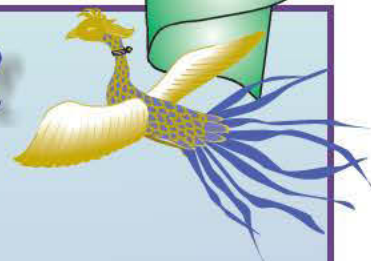
This book is a 21 cm square little book of 60 pages. The first half of the book has instructions for knitted, twisted and braided wire jewelry.

The second part of the book deals with jewelry made from chain mail rings and has 16 different patterns for different designs.

The whole book has well illustrated colour instructions, and 10 full page colour pictures of finished pieces. Each section has an overview of the tools and materials needed to make the various pieces. It seems simple enough that I might even give it a try.

Upcoming Events

Myrgan Wood Anniversary



October 8, 2011 ~ 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM
Myrgan Wood -Saskatoon, SK

HE Grimolfr Griotgardsson and HE Dezzrienne Draganova doch', Hersir and Posadnitsa Myrgan Wood are celebrating the Barony's 32nd Anniversary!! They invite you to join them in these celebrations and in the selection of Their Armoured and Missile Champions. There will also be a rapier tournament, A&S classes and youth activities.

Where: J.J. Loewen Community Center
206 Railway Ave. E., Dalmeny, SK

Event Steward: HE Dezzrienne Dragnova doch'
(mka: Dezzrienne Windecker-Klassen)
411 Gordon Rd., SK S7T 0A1
Ph: 306-382-7420 ~ Email: dragnova@sasktel.net

Feast Fee: \$25
Adult Site: \$5
Youth Site (5 to 15): \$2
Child (ages 4 and under) - Free
For Family Rate contact the HE Dezzrienne (for more than 2 adults and 2 youth inc. feast)
NMS - the \$5 NMS fee will be applied to all adult site fees for those individuals that cannot show proof of membership.
Make cheques payable to "SCA - Myrgan Wood"

Directions to Site:

From Edmonton: Take Highway 16 to Junction 305 (just past Langham); Turn left (northeast); Follow 305 to Dalmeny; Turn left (north) into Dalmeny; Turn right (east) at Railway Ave (first turn after the railway tracks); Drive 2 blocks; Watch for signs.

Skull & Crossbones Tavern

October 22nd, 2011 ~ 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
Shire of Sigelhundas - Regina, SK

The Wreckers' Ball

Our pirates have gone ashore somewhere along the Bristol Channel to visit some colleagues who manage their piracy - um, salvaging - from land with the help of a beacon that's somewhat in the wrong spot.

On this dark (but not too stormy) night, their prize is a fine ship loaded with spices and other delights from the East Indies. They save many a fine luxury, although, alas, there are no survivors of the shipwreck. They even salvage an enormous pot of some mysterious spicy chicken delight from the galley.

It will be a merry time with the Rapier Tournament, Arts & Sciences Tournament and plenty of games to while away the time in between that and the feast.

If you wish to partake of the feast you MUST pre-register. And please let Wynfryda know ahead of time if you have any food allergies, lactose intolerance or special requirements such as vegetarian fare.

Where:
St. Luke's Hall
3233 Argyle Road
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 2B5

Costs:

Adults (18 yrs and up) - Site \$6; site and feast \$20
Youth (age 13 to 17) - Site \$5; site and feast \$15
Children (age 3 to 12) - Site \$3; site and feast \$8
Little ones (under 3 years) - Site free; feast free
Family (2 adults and 3 or more youth or children) - Site \$18, site and feast \$45
\$5 non-member surcharge applies.
Please make cheques payable to "QCSCA".

Autocrat/Feastocrat:

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mka Maryanne Slater
2250 Toronto Street, Regina, SK S4P 1N4
Ph. 306-757-5245
Email: cellicclutter@accesscomm.ca

October to December 2011 Event Listings

October 2011

- 1 - Autumn Celebration - Cold Keep
- 8 - Myrgan Wood's 32nd Anniversary - Myrgan Wood
- 22 - Skull n' Crossbones - Sigelhundas

November 2011

- 26 - Avacal Coronet Tournament - Rhuddglyn

December 2011

- 17 - Yule Feast - Borealis ****DATE CHANGE****



Avacal November Coronet Tournament



November 25, 2011 to November 27, 2011
Shire of Rhuddglyn ~ Medicine Hat, AB

Their Highnesses of Avacal, Prince Toryn and Princess Elya, wish to invite the populace of Avacal and beyond to Their Coronet Tournament to determine the new heirs of Avacal.

Event Stewards (Autocrats) : Manyra & Tonis
Keri-Anne Lawton & Paul van Rooyen
Box 147, Hays AB, T0K 1B0
403-725-2120

novcoronet@avacal-sca.org

Please pre-register by sending an email to the above address, including your SCA name, Modern name, membership card number, expiry date and if it is blue or white.

Site Fee: Adults \$10.00, 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) \$8.00, Children
under 12 free.
Family cap (2 parents & children both site & feast)
\$50.00
Make cheques payable to "Medicine Hat Medieval
Society"

Location: Seven Persons Community and District Hall,
Box 63, Hwy 3, Seven Persons, AB T0K 1Z0

Site opens Friday at 5pm and closes Sunday at noon!

Lodging: There is space in the hall for people to sleep.
Again, bring your own beds and bedding, it is general
camping on a gym or carpet floor. Crash space is
available. Please contact the autocrats or check out this
the Rhuddglyn website.

Directions: Seven Persons is 20 minutes Southwest from
Medicine Hat on Hwy 3 heading towards Lethbridge. Take
your best route to HWY 3 in Alberta either from Lethbridge
or Medicine Hat (suggestion the latter). Turn South off HWY
3 on to 2nd Ave in Seven Persons. Turn Left (east) on
Drinnan Street. The hall is on your left (North) hand side.
Watch for the sign



Who am I?



I am on the front cover
of this months Aurora.

I am a bard.

I have been known to
sing about gerbils.

I started a fun little competition called
Wench Wars at Quad.

September's
Who Am I?
Baron Reme



Photo: HL Beothuck

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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
Vinfest - 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

Feast of the Evergreens - Bordergate

April

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

May

Cold Keep Champions - Cold Keep
Antir May Crown TBA

Check the Avacal Events page (www.avacal-sca.org/events) or the Antir Events page (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 or 3rd Monday of the Month
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Location: To be announced
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 - \$2.00 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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