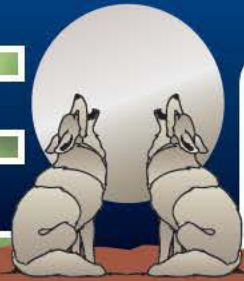


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# I Need Content!



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 area's 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.

## An Tir Royal Scribe Looking for Painters



Greetings,

Thank you for everyone who has been patiently waiting for Kingdom Charters to paint for Their Majesties Vik and Astrid's reign.

I am pleased to say I now have copies for circulation. So if you are interested in taking any charters for any of the variety of awards I would love to hear from you.

Just let me know how many you would like, or if you would like some for the scribes in your area. We can then arrange to have some passed on at an event, or I would be happy to post them to you.

Also, if you think you might like to do an original scroll or a charter design for Their Majesties reign I would like to hear from you too.

We have many talented scribes so let's get our work out there.

Thanks for your time and hope to hear from you soon!

Guillaine de Gualle

Royal Scribe, North



# Arts & Sciences Night

August's A&S night saw an even smaller crowd than July's gathering. (Maybe Quad War had a lot to do with it.) Adelheigh brought some linen that she was cutting down to make napkins for Largess. She showed us a different way to cut the material using a pulled thread technique to keep everything straight. Alessandra brought along her current project, a Coif made out of woven ribbons. It was pretty cool to see how far she had gotten over the month since we all had met in July, and discuss how she is planning on decorating and finishing it off.



## 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 loaner 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

~ October Issue - Monday September 24, 2012

~ November Issue - Monday October 22, 2012

~ December Issue - Monday November 19, 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/)





# Festival of Trees 2012

By Yamadi Blackeye



Last month at Tavern I brought a 3D 650 (or so) piece puzzle to see if anyone was interested in putting it together for it to become the castle at the top of our entry into the Festival of Trees.

Chad, a friend to Raphael Lamonte (who is a new Rapier Fighter) was visiting from Eldermere and took on the challenge. This was a Wednesday night. By the time that Sunday practice came around, he had it all put together ~ after a marathon 2 days of effort.

In the next month, I'm hoping to have the castle switched over from it's current summer scene to a winter scene, and hopefully all the individual pieces of the puzzle glued together so that it's less likely to fall apart if someone looks at it the wrong way.

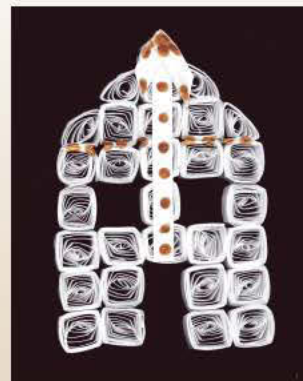
The puzzles actual design name is called "Camelot", but with it being changed to a winter scene, I'm going to call it "The Peppermint Castle", to

better fit into the overall theme of this years festival of "Peppermint Twist".



Since I have to have the paperwork into the festival for the beginning of September, I'm going to use the title of "Winter Celebrations at Castle Peppermint" for our entry.

We are still in need of someone, (or a group) to make the unique tree skirt to go along with our tree. Is there anyone (or group) willing to take up this part? Please come and see me.



At September's Tavern, I'm hoping to get a large part of the populace involved by teaching Quilling. I have come up with 3 different designs that should be both quick and easy to produce in little time. One is a saxon helm, it is just the cap and the nose guard. The second is the same helm, but with the cheek pieces. The third one is a pot helm with "feathers" on top. I'm hoping that it resembles the tournament helms from history.

The festival is open to the public from Thursday November 29 to Sunday December 2, 2012. That means that we will be on site at the Shaw Conference Centre decorating the tree on Monday November 26th, 2012.

## Largesse For the Prince and Princess of Avacal

Largesse are small gifts that their Excellencies Wernar and Sina, Prince and Princess of Avacal hand out while attending events in other areas of Avacal. These items showcase the skill and knowledge of members who reside in Borealis.

During Quad War/Investiture there was a challenge for a war point that involved creating Largess for the Royals while you were on site. This produced some Largess for the coffers, but Their Excellencies will be giving away a lot over the next 6 months, so there is always a need for the unique and hand made items that make up Largess.

Not sure what would be good? Some items that would be good would be

- Haversacks (any size)
- Wool mitts
- Caps
- Hand-dipped candles (non-to-very little scent please)
- Napkins

- Cast Tokens
- Leather pouches
- Spindles
- Pottery
- Felt sewing needle cases
- Medieval games with the board made out of cloth
- Hand made trim (Inkle Loom/Card Weaving...)

It is encouraged to make items from natural materials like wood, linen, leather, cotton, wool and anything else that might of been available in period.

Some of the things that are not a good idea would be strongly scented candles and baskets.

If you would like to make largess but are unsure of what would be appropriate, please talk to either our Borealis A&S Champion, Galena, our A&S minister Coryn, our Baroness Divera, or the Largess Co-ordinator Kessiina. All would be able to help you and point you in the right direction.





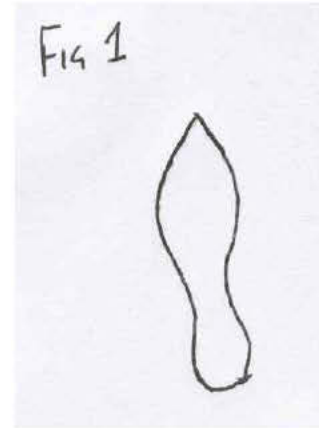
# Making Medieval Shoes

By Donald of St. Andrews (Martin Austwick)

Shoes in the late mediaeval period were constructed in a somewhat different manner to their modern day equivalent. The following is a construction guide for anyone who wishes to make a pair of authentic turnsoles.

What you will need:

- Sole Leather 4-7mm thick vegetable tanned
- Upper leather 1.5-3mm thick vegetable tanned
- A square of canvas about 40-50cm each side
- Two saddlers needles (heavy duty blunt needles)
- Linen thread
- An awl diamond section, very sharp.
- A Stanley/Craft knife
- A tape measure
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Leather thonging
- Beeswax



## Stage 1 Making the pattern

There are many different methods used to create the pattern, authentically a last should be used. What follows though is an easy method of creating a mediaeval looking shoe.

Firstly draw around your foot on a piece of paper and extend the big toe into a point (it's also worth narrowing the middle slightly) to give your shoe that mediaeval look. See fig 1.

Cut this out and using it as a template mark the shape out on a vege-tan sole leather. This should be at least 5mm thick, then using a very sharp knife cut out the sole. It generally takes a couple of passes with the knife to cut through sole leather, you need to be as accurate as possible at this stage as the smallest mistake now can ruin the shoe.

You should now have one mediaeval shaped sole.

Place your foot onto the sole and measure from the floor, over the highest point of your foot back to the floor. Mark this point on the side of your leather sole. Divide this measurement in two (I will call this number "x").

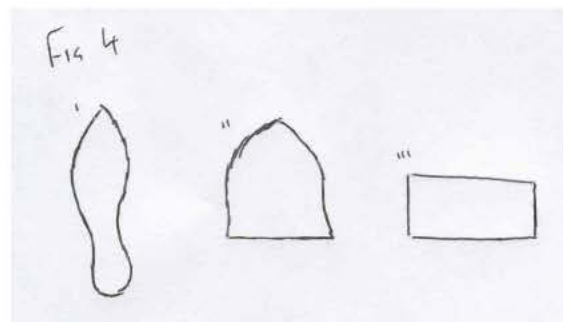
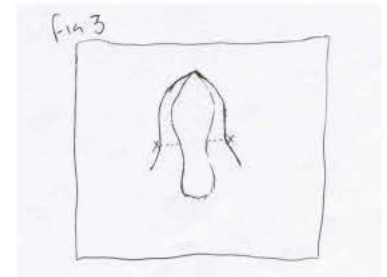
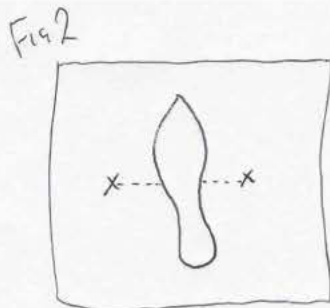
Take a piece of canvas or other none stretchy cloth and place the sole on it with plenty of space on either side.

Draw around the sole on the canvas and then transfer the mark from the highest point onto the canvas pattern.

Measure "x" in either direction and mark it onto the pattern. See fig 2

Now for the tricky part. Holding the point of the sole in position pivot the sole around until it touches point "x" on one side. Draw down the side of the sole. Repeat this process for the other side. You should now have something that looks like this. See fig 3

Allowing 0.5 inch all the way round for seam allowance, cut this shape out of the canvas (across the sole at the "x" points). This will form the "vamp" of your mediaeval shoe.



For the back of the shoe measure around the sole from point "x" on one side to point "x" on the other and cut out a canvas rectangle this long by approx 4 inches high.

You should now have one leather sole (i) and two pieces of canvas (ii and iii). See fig 4

This is a mediaeval shoe pattern. Section 2 deals with the construction of the shoe from this pattern.

**See Part 2 of Making Medieval Shoes in the October issue of the Aurora Newsletter**



# July's Tavern Report



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

**Newcomers: ?**



## Reports

**Baron/Baroness:** At Quad War, We played our tails off. We had fun, rain, chivalry and the field and our Tanis and Tanista won!! Who wants to be a Kingdom? This is on the horizon, keep the momentum going. It's time now to take commitment from our people keep our traditions, renew your membership, we need your support.

There are 614 paid members in Avacal and 158 from Borealis. 98% of the people who participated in the poll voted YES to becoming a Kingdom. If you have any questions see the Baron, Baroness, Seneschal or Arwyn.

Sargentry Trials are August 17-19, there will be Heavy and Rapier fighting, lots of activities, A&S and Archery. The Green Cauldron will be there, please make your reservations for food. Come out and support our candidates Peregrin and Cynewulf. Participation from Borealis at Quad was great, thank you. We have a Principality Youth Archer Champion, his name is Lucas.

**Senschal:** Thanks to the Rapiers for running tonight's Tavern, the monies from tonight will be going toward Spring THUA to bring some instructors in. If you have any questions regarding the hall, see the Seneschal (Mika). We need people to host Tavern from September on. If we do not get anyone to host the tavern, the hall will be closed at the end of the meeting. If you are interested in hosting a tavern, please see Mika.

**Chatelaine:** We had a few new people go to Quad. We had a newcomers breakfast at Quad hosted by Borealis. There were about 30-35 people there.

We are going to start to look for more Demo's to do, anyone interested in being a regular Demo participant please see Ksinia.

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

**Minister of Stables:** Not present - Heavy is going well, no injuries..

**Youth Combat:** We Peregrin in Pensic, Arwyn stated that they are trying to get more people interested in marshalling Youth Combat, if you are interested please see

Arwyn or Peregrin.

**Minister of Fence:** We have new gloves, have ordered new helmets and gorgets. We had one equipment malfunction, no injuries. We have a dew new people and we have had good regular attendance. Quad was great, if you have any ideas for the Roving Rapier for next Quad, see Tobias.

**Minister of Arrows:** Sommerled, things are going well. We are starting to slow down and expect to pick up again in the fall. Practice is still every Tuesday. We are still looking for a permanent place for Combat and Cross Bow to practice.

**Minister of Art & Science/Bardic:** Corin is in Pensic. A&S is every third Monday at Rem's house. If you are interested in making some silk banners, please see Divera after tonight's meeting.

**Herald:** Owen. Quad was outstanding. We had a Principality Harold meeting. Stay tuned for things to come, will have more info for next month.

**Chronicler:** Yamadi not present at time of report - Doing a fantastic job, we need more stories regarding Quad; maybe about "kitty" or anything else you can think of. Any newcomers send in stories about your first impressions, what did you think of Quad? Send any stories and pictures in, we require a newsletter as part of our Barony.

**Gold Key:** Ethnia - We had a win-fall of clothing donated to Gold Key. We are still going through them. There are a lot of winter items both men and women's from different centuries. Some are brand new, never worn.

**Chirurgion:** We have a lady who is currently in training, no news yet.

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

**Family Activities Coordinator:** No news.

**Web Minister:** Reginald Urrie - Transferring the old site to new one. Info is out of date, will go through to delete anything out of date. Need permission to put up photos, if you have any pictures that you want on the site, send them in. We are close to launching the new site.

## Calendar of Events

**Sargentry trials** in about a week and a half, last year there were 62 people and had everyone had a lot of fun.

August 31 - September 3 is **Dragon's Lair Crown**.  
 September 8 is **Harvest Feast** in Better End.  
 End of September is **Vin Fest** - This is fun and is fairly close to Borealis.  
 April 2013 is **Spring Grande THUA**

## Old Business

We Festival of Trees is coming up. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, see Yamadi.

## New Business

Felan and Sabd are the event stewarts for spring THUA. This is from April 19-21, 2013. What instructors and classes do you want? Instructors are not free and each discipline needs to raise at least \$500 to bring them up. We want to have some train the trainers, need instructors to come and sit in on the classes to see how we are doing and can bring info on down the line.

For the fundraising, there can be NO bingos, raffles, etc., tavern are a good way to raise money. With each discipline raising money, whatever money they raise will go to their

discipline first and the rest will be spread around to help the other disciplines. We are looking at maybe a Principality wide auction. If you have any ideas regarding fundraising, please feel free to let someone know.

On Friday there will be a meet and greet, Saturday there will be classes and a night feast, Sunday there will be Rapier and Heavy tournament and A&S. If you have any questions, please see Felan or Sabd.

For December Yule feast we still do not have an Autocrat yet. If you are interested send a letter of intent to their excellencies or to the Seneschal. The hall is already booked for the event.



## Mediaeval Dance!

The summer is over, and plans are in the works for the Borealis Dance group to start practicing again.

Information about our first dance practice will be posted on the Borealis Yahoo site.



## Rapier News

*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 discipline is all about, or actively participate in a practice.*

*We were very fortunate to have a visitor join us for one practice, Don Rodrigo from Montengarde was in town during the Sunday August 26th afternoon practice. He very graciously passed on a large amount of knowledge to those who were able to attend that particular practice.*



## Upcoming Events August ~ December



**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

**Please see the events page at [www.antir.sca.org](http://www.antir.sca.org) for more information**

## 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

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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