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Baronial Calendar
SEPTEMBER

1 Dance
8 Business (VerAquilon)
11-12 10th Streete Faire (Montengarde)
15 Games and Photos
18-19 Silverwolf
22 Sjt Colin Ironwolf History
25-26 Harvest Feast (Bitter End)

Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in SUB 034 at the University of Alberta. All Gentles attending meetings are requested to wear Period Attire (or reasonable attempt thereof) with the exception being Council Meetings.

The Blacksheep Guild (fibeworkers guild) meets every Monday night at 7pm at HL Erna Kajadottor's. Call Karen at 449-1593 for more info and directions to her place in Sherwood Park.

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For more information please call:

Penny Slonowski 439-0007 (days)
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The Roger de Cote School of Fence meets at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Holyrood School. For more info call HL Roger de Cote at 449-1593.

Canton of VerAquilon Fighter Practice is held every Sunday STARTING AT NOON, in Dinwoodie Lounge, second floor SUB at U of A. Contact Caoimhtheach Faolchu (Johanus Haidner) at 432-0694 for more info.

There is also a Thursday night Fighter Practice at 7:00 pm, held at Austin O'Brien Catholic High School, 6110 95 Ave. Edm. Call the Lady Eowin (mka Tasha Gruber) at 469-1873 first to confirm.

Dance Practise held every 2nd Monday night, U of A quad. Contact Mordecai Salzer (Rick Slansky) at 482-2535 for more info.

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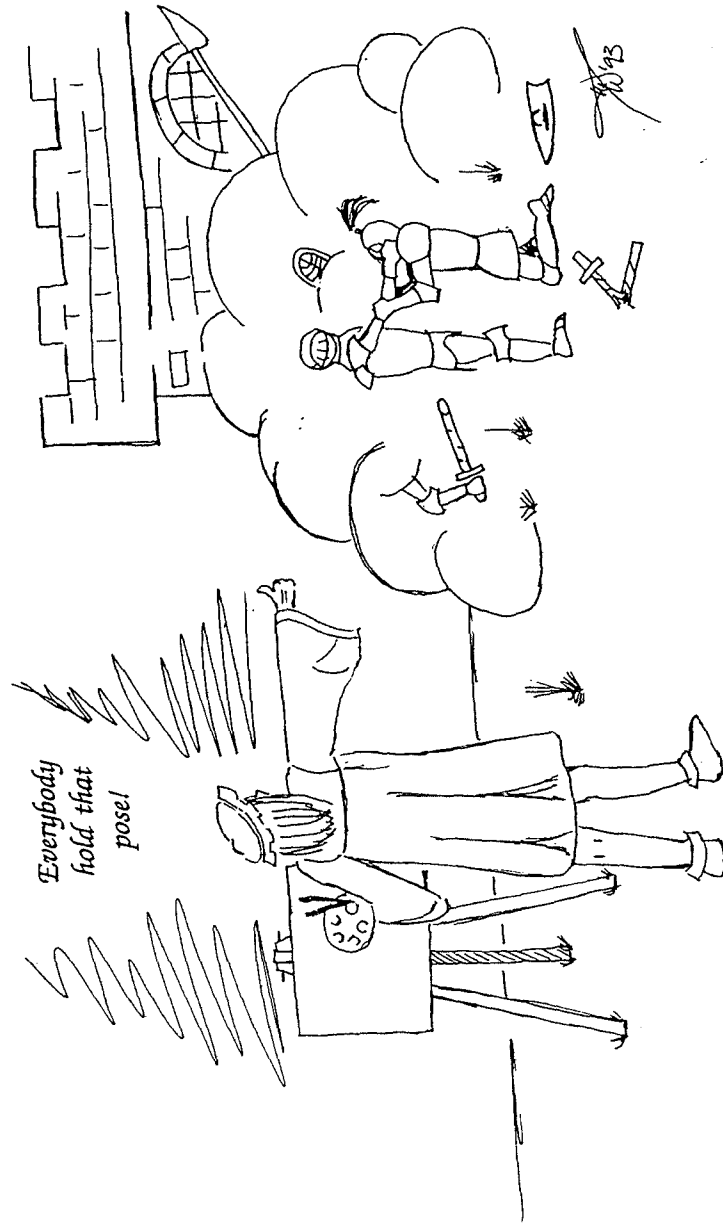
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TENTATIVE LIST OF EVENTS WE WILL BE ATTENDING (subject to change)

September Crown	Sept 4th-6th
Border Raid (His Majesty)	Sept 11th-12th
Silverwolf Tourney (His Majesty)	Sept 18th
Summits Defenders Tourney	Sept 25th-26th
St Michaelmas Feast (Loch D'Or)	Oct 2nd-3rd
Myrganwood Anniversary (His Majesty)	Oct 9th-10th
Golden Swan Tourney/Appledore (Her Majesty)	Oct 9th-10th
Dragons Tourney	Oct 16-17
Oktoberfest	Oct 23rd
Crown Council Meeting	Oct 30-31
Ferrit Feast	Nov 6th
Lakeland Wedding Feast	Nov 13th
Janeltis	Nov 20th-21st
St Nicks	Dec 4th
Sigelehundast Feast	Dec 11th
Kingdom 12th Night Coronation	Jan 8th-9th 1994

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For Sale: Top box for small car. \$20 obo
Contact Mordecai Salzer 482-2535

Upcoming Events

January 29, 1994

- Fighting Seminar
by Master Nikolai Grendel Gornych

The morning will involve unarmoured practice of techniques while the afternoon session will concentrate on armoured fighting.

- A Survey of Costume Patterning
By Mistress Kateryne of Hindscroft

An overview of the various basic types of pattern construction used in the SCA time period. (4 hrs)

- Practical Hand Sewing
by Mistress Kateryne of Hindscroft

A history of stitching in the SCA time period and how to do the stitches described such as hem stitching, seams and finishing techniques. (4 hrs)

The Barony of Borealis invites All to their annual Silverwolf Champion's Tournament and Feast!

This year's Silverwolf will be held in the Canton of Veraquilon on the 18th of September. The site is McLeod Hall, 14715-59 Street, Edmonton, Alta.. The Site opens at 12 pm (noon). The Feast & Site fee is \$12 if paid before the reservation cut-off date. Afterwards it will be \$14. Off-board (site fee) is \$5. Reservations are limited & cut-off date is September 8, 1993.

This year's tournament is a double elimination tournament with Crown list shield specifications. Also there are only 3 striking surfaces allowed per weapon & a total of 5 allowed on the field. Contact Albrecht Von Rugen for more info. Armour inspection & lists open at 12 pm & closes at 1 pm.

There will also be entertainment, games like norse wrestling, & contests including the **LOUDEST Viking Pants** in celebration of Her Majesty. For more information or to make reservations, call or write to Freya or Eowyn (Christine & Natasha Gruber) at (403) 469-1973. Address: 7307-86 Ave., Edm., AB., T6B-OK6. We will also arrange crash space if it is needed.

Silverwolf Itinerary

- 11:00 to 12:00 - Baronial Meeting
12:00 - Site Opens. Lists and Armour Inspection opens.
1:00 - Lists and Armour inspection closes. Tournament Begins.
5:00 to 7:00 - Court
7:30 - Feast Begins
2:00 - Site Closes

There are NO showers on site. Sinks with hot water are available. There will be a list of nearby swimming pools with prices for showers posted at the site.

Marshall in Charge is Otto Gruber at (403) 468-6783.

Gold Key (period clothing rental) will have a selection of clothing available for a small rental fee of \$2. See Eowyn the Charming for information.

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WRITTEN BY
GIOVANNI

ILLUSTRATED BY
ENFRED THE UNSTABLE



In December, the holidays are upon us. It is the time for celebration and enjoyment. On the 4th of December, in Beautiful, balmy (NOT!) Borealis, at our Feast of Saint Nicholas, is your opportunity to revel with the most fun loving people in the Kingdom, including their Majesties Rorik and Helena. Enjoy a sumptuous feast prepared by the legendary Lord Rulon deHatch. If you miss this feast, you will regret it later. In the afternoon gaming and heavy fighting will come together in the only real live Battle Chess tournament which I have ever heard of. Heavies bring your armour and four chess players are needed for this activity. The evening's entertainment will feature a story telling contest (exaggeration allowed) upon the theme of the local history of the current middle ages. Hopefully juicy scandals and humourous anecdotes about people you know will be presented.

Go to the Caernarvon Community Hall at 14830 118 St. in Veraquilon (Edmonton). If you are coming into town on Highway 16, turn north on 97th St. , west on 153rd Ave., south on 113A St. , west again on 152nd Ave. and south again on 118 St. It is by the school on the right. The doors open at noon. If you are coming north on Highway 2, make your way to Highway 16 (Yellowhead) as best you can follow the above directions.

The cost is \$12 per person. We will be allowing 200 people maximum for the feast. Any people over that will have to go off-board at \$5 site fee, so reserve early. For reservations call me at 403-482-2535, an autotroll is standing by. Please indicate who is eating or not. We will also be taking table reservations for groups, so you don't have to go running in to hold your spots. Merchants are welcome and will be able to set up for the afternoon.

Autocrats: HL Mordecai Salzer 403-482-2535
(e-mail rms@mercury.uah.ualberta.ca)
Lady Demetra of Samarkand 403-479-3257 (c/o Rob)

Following the Silverwolf Champion's Tournament and Feast, the Canton of Veraquilon at the request of Their Royal Majesties, will be holding courses for interested participants at the University of Alberta Campus on Sunday, September 19, 1993. The cost will be \$5 per student. All courses will begin at 12 noon and last 4 hours.

Courses offered are as follows:

- A) **Marshalling.** The course will be held in conjunction with the regular fighting practice. The course will be given by the Crown Principality of Avacal Marshall, Lordship Sergeant Edward Bolden, Squire to Sir Aethelhere the Unsteady.
- B) **Costuming.** This course will focus on Norse style costumes and Anglo-Saxon period designs. Mistress Laurel Venustas di Firenze and Mistress Sapphira of Sherwood will be coming from the Barony of Montengarde to given this course.
- C) **Autocrating.** This course will cover aspects of autocrating a variety of events along with other helpful hints. Master Baron Sigfried the Immane, The Kingdom of An Tir Constable, will be joining us from the Barony of Madrone to give this course.

If you are interested and have any questions or concerns, please contact Freya of Ardmore (m.k.a. Christine Gruber) at (403) 469-1873 (preferably in the evening) for more information. Reservations for the classes will be taken by Freya. If there isn't enough participants, the courses will most likely be cancelled. Due to unconfirmed bookings, the class location will be sent to participants upon receiving registration or the class location will be posted at the Silverwolf Tournament and Feast site. There is NO reservation date and classes will remain open to participants until the date it begins.

Address for mailing reservations:

Freya of Ardmore
c/o Christine Gruber
7307-86 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T6B 0K6 Canada

I look forward to seeing lots of people there !!!!!

Unto the Populace of the Barony of Borealis

Dmitri Nikolai Bronslav sends greetings and salutations. I have just taken on the mantle of Baronial Master of Stables from Serjeant Colin Ironwolf. In addition to a number of projects I would like to implement, I hope that you will approach me or the Canton Master of Stables with your ideas of things you would like to see, concerns about projects or methods, and support on items which you like.

Please address all concerns and ideas in writing to:

Eric von Stackelberg
aka Dmitri Nikolai Bronslav
#107, 2620 Millwoods Rd. East
Edmonton, Alberta
T6L 5K6

Ph. (403) 490-0818
Fax (403) 434-9681

Thank you.

In service to the Crown and AnTir

Dmitri Nikolai Bronslav
Borealis, Master of Stables

or... If someone is doing slow work, they may want to wear only their helm, or... If some piece of armor is not up to standards and the owner just realized it, depending on the piece of armor, location, experience/maturity of the fighter, and the type of activity he/she will be engaged in. It may not be necessary to stop this person from fighting, rather to limit their activity.

The key for all to remember is that we play together and if an individual wants to try and stretch the rules, then the local M.O.S. is there to say NO.

The local M.O.S. is there to ensure the needs of all fighters are being met. If one particular person is fighting in top tourney mode and hurting or wiping out everyone else when they want to practice war or specific shots/techniques, what level of enjoyment is there for those with the bruises? We improve our fighting by making mistakes and learning from them. If practice is not a learning atmosphere, then we learn on the tourney field or war field.

The promotion of learning and practice is very important and I would like to see the local M.O.S.'s lead the way in facilitating this atmosphere. You can bring in Avacalians [or others] to teach seminars or lead practices. Develop training drill / techniques. Send off to other Branches / Kingdoms for information on how they run their practices. But most of all, you the local M.O.S. are there to lead by example.

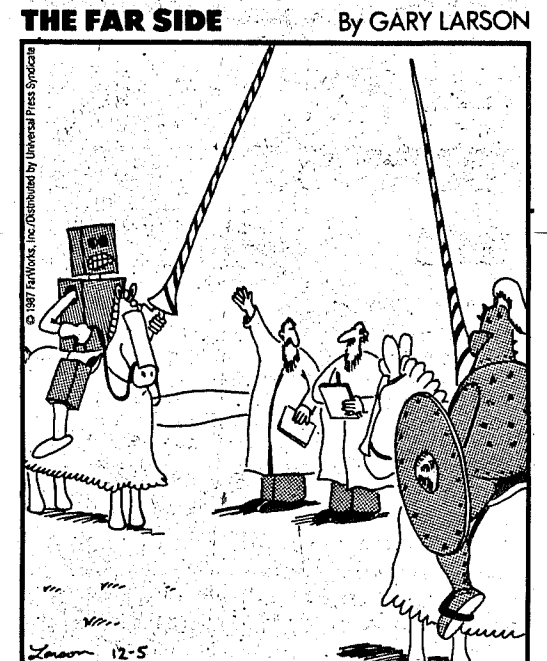
If anyone has questions or concerns on their fighting practice please contact me.

In service to Crown and Kingdom of AnTir, I remain.....

EDWARD BOLDEN

Serjeant Edward Bolden
Avacal, Crown Principality Earl Marshal

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For a very brief period, medieval scientists were known to have dabbled in the merits of cardboard armor.

FROM THE AVACAL OF EARL MARSHAL

24 July, 1993

Greetings, My best wishes for Their Royal Majesties, Sir Rorik Gunnarsson and Helena of Birka for a prosperous and enjoyable reign. I trust all are enjoying the war and tourney season as much as I am.

To be announced:

Weapon and Shield Standards for September Crown: By decree of His Royal Majesty Rorik, the following standards will be enforced during the Crown Lists to be held this September:

- +6 1/2' maximum length for weapons
- +A single weapon is to have no more than 3 attack surfaces
- +No active use of butt spikes [these are to be considered pommel weights]
- +No thrusting tips on both ends of weapons [one must be considered a pommel]
- +Two-stick fighters are limited to 5 attack surfaces
- +No attack surfaces on shields
- +Center-grip shields are to be measured knuckle to knuckle [maximum diameter 30"]
- +Heater shields are to be measured shoulder to shoulder, chin to crotch, while sitting
- +Strapped rounds not to exceed 26" in diameter
- +Both fighter and consort must be able to swear fealty to the Crown

ABC revisions: Anyone wishing to express changes to the ABC. You are welcome to write to Graf Sir Berek von Langental.

Branch Fighting Practices: What is the responsibility of the Branch M.O.S. at your fighting practice?

This topic was suggested to me by a very fine and lovely Lady, who thought it would be prudent for me to express my thoughts on this topic to the populace and the local M.O.S's. Thank you and if anyone else has ideas, please let me know.

Obviously, the main purpose of the M.O.S. is to ensure all rules and regulations are adhered to. However, this must be tempered with humility and understanding. A practice is not the same as a tourney or war, a practice is a controlled environment that is used to experiment and learn.

For example: Armor inspection on a new fighter must be complete, He/She does not have the understanding or experience to ensure all is there and all fits right. A more experienced and mature fighter does not need a complete inspection, but rather a going over to look for broken straps and possibly missed pieces. Try asking if he/she has done any recent repairs.

From the Silverwolf Light Champion:

Greetings unto the populace of Borealis I would like to take this opportunity to state that my year as your light champion has been enjoyable and a valuable learning experience. I have learned how my limits and boundaries as a servant of our baron and of our King can be expanded, as well as how there are no limits as to the value of us in serving the Kingdom.

I would also like to thank those who helped me by providing me with technical and moral support, namely, HL Sjt. Edward Bolden, HL Yeoman Mordecai Salzer, Lord Eldred of Evesham, HL Yeoman Joan the Just and HL Sjt. Cennet ap Llangollen. My apologies to any others I neglected to thank for their contribution in helping me to be where I am today.

I would also announce that the rules for the Silverwolf Light Championship on Sept. 18th are the same as the rules for Kingdom Protector as stated in the May issue of The Crier. See me for details. In addition to those rules which will comprise one half of the competition, there will be a second half judging the participant's chivalry on and off the field, judged by myself and those ladies present at the competition.

In Service to the death
Lord Yeoman Eadwulf macRuthven
Silverwolf Light Champion of Borealis
Elder of Avacal

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HARVEST FEAST AND CHAMPIONS' TOURNEY

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!! Come and join us at Bitter End's Harvest Feast and Shire Champions' Tourney on September 25, 1993!

Again this year, we will be choosing our Light Champion--the Shooting Star, and our Heavy Champion--the Star Bearer. If you are chivalric and would like to be one of our Glorious Champions, Come and Vie at Three Mile Bend!

This year's feast theme is German. The feast will be held at St. Leonard's-on-the-Hill, 4241 - 44 St., Red Deer, AB.

There will be a Crown Principality Curia Meeting held in the evening at St. Leonard's-on-the-Hill.

Armor Inspection begins at: 12:00 noon.
Archery Tourney begins at: 12:00 noon.
Heavys' Tourney begins at: 1:00 p.m.
Curia Meeting begins at: 6:00 p.m.
Feast begins at: 7:00 p.m.

Costs for the event are:

Before September 18th: \$10.00. After September 18th: \$12.00.
Children 12 and under: \$ 6.00. Site Fee only: \$ 5.00.

Please make cheques payable to The Shire of Bitter End.

For feast reservations, please contact either:

Lady Freydis of Gloppenfjörd (mka Susan Stenson) 5813 - 44 Ave., Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 3J4 (403) 347-2467 OR
Lady Sheela MacDougal (mka Susan Spycher) #604, 6834 - 59 Ave., Red Deer, Alberta, T4P 1C9 (403) 346-2865 - also for menu inquiries.

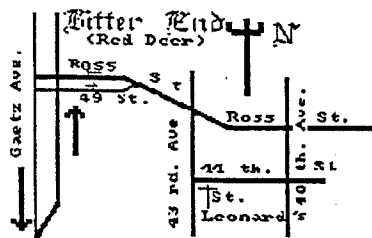
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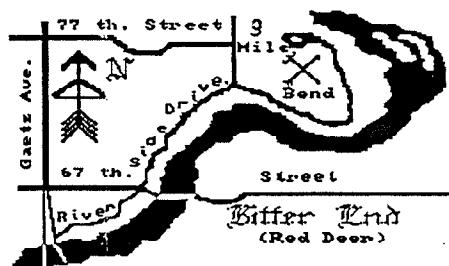
From North: Take Hwy 2 south to Red Deer; turn left on 67th St. (for tournament); turn left on 49th Ave. (for feast); then follow map.

From South: Take Hwy 2 north to Red Deer; turn right on 67th St. (for tournament); turn right on 49th Ave. (for feast); then follow map.

To Feast:



To Tourney:



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MICHAELMAS FEAST & ITHRA

October 2 - 3

Come spend Michaelmas in Byzantium with the people of Loch Dorr. Middle-Eastern flavoured Ithra classes will happen on the Saturday and Sunday, with a Middle-Eastern feast on Saturday night. Their Majesties Rorik and Helena, King and Queen of AnTir and Crown Prince and Princess of Avacal, will attend this event.

Site is wet; no smoking indoors, opens 4 p.m. Friday Oct. 1, closes 4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 3. Feast fee \$15.00 Cdn/\$12.00 US; make cheques payable to "Shire of Loch Dorr, SCA Inc." All monies for reservations must arrive by September 26. There will be no "off-board."

Ithra catalog will be available from Regent & Chancellor Laurel Venustas di Firenze (Laurel Jepson) 51 Scenic Glen Crescent, Calgary AB, T3L 1K4. Bed & Breakfast available for standard Ithra fee of \$2/person/night.

Directions: From U.S. - take your best route north to Porthill, Idaho; go north to Creston, BC. Take Hwy 3A north towards Kootenay Lake Ferry. Watch for SCA signs after Gray Creek.

Canada - from East: go to Creston, BC; take Hwy 3A north as above.

- from West: go to Nelson, BC; go east to Balfour and Kootenay Lake ferry (alternate: go to Kaslo, then south to Balfour and ferry). Cross Kootenay Lake on the world's longest free ferry ride and follow SCA signs to site at Crawford Bay Castle.

Autocrat: Daoud Barbarossa
Feastocrat: Lea-Helena...the Finn
Address: Box 3, Crawford Bay, BC.
Canada, V0B 1E0
(604) 227-9550



be possible to arrange for a member of Borealis to sell your wares for you.

I would like to emphasize that the Museum staff are very easy to work with, and are very enthusiastic about this project. We received incredible amounts of excellent publicity from our last exhibit: all signs, posters, and advertising related to the event, the exhibit itself (every SCA article labelled as such), newspaper interviews, live coverage on the radio, radio interviews; even cooking a dish on a local TV talk show! All of the coverage was positive, and the simple fact that we were endorsed by the Provincial Museum boosts the credibility of the SCA as a whole. For this reason, I hope to see more of the excellent work that SCA artisans are renowned for! Send me your photos now! Don't wait!

All photos, questions, and merchant applications should be forwarded to:

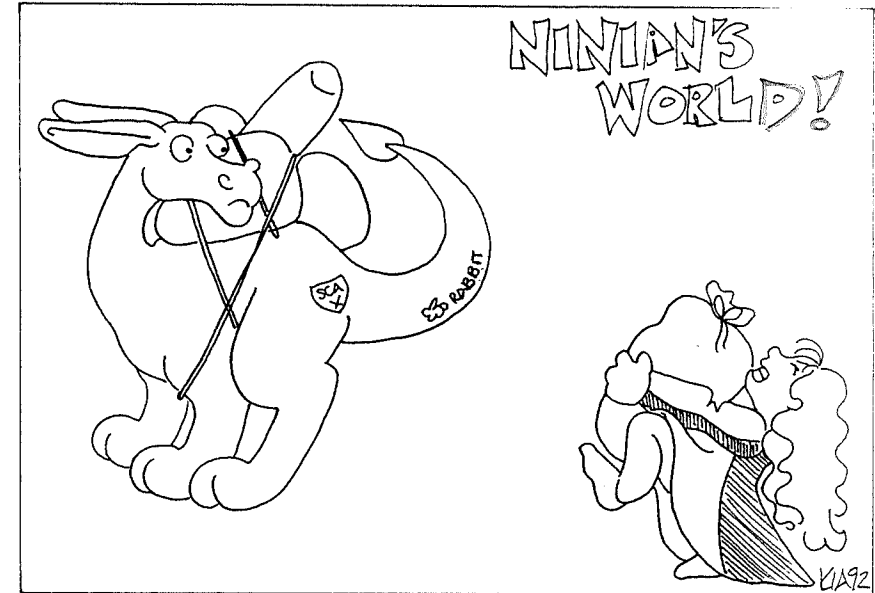


HL Erna Kajadotter (SCA liason to Alberta Prov. Museum)

mka Karin Thirlwell
244 Regency Drive,
Sherwood Park, AB
T8A 5P6

Or phone (403) 449-1593 (your dime, no calls after 9 PM)

NOTE: CHRONICLER - PLEASE PUBLISH IN YOUR NEWSLETTER UP TO DECEMBER ISSUE. THANKS!



FRINGE DEMO 1993

August 23, 1993

Thanks to all fighters, dancers, artisans, organizers, and other volunteers for making this year's demo so much fun. Thanks also to everyone who helped set up and take down our encampment (twice!!). And to those who helped hand out fliers. (Come see our show! It's over there!), may you never have to listen to Hilde's Horrible Horn or the ratchett ever again.

We collected \$127 less cost, and had a great time too. In the past we've had some (crazy) new members join our group after seeing us at the Fringe, so maybe we'll have some "newbies" to break in. Hopefully next year well be even better, and maybe the Princess Theatre will be showing Hamlet (with Mel). See you next year!

Yours in service

the Lady Fionnuala Nioclas



Open letter to all branches in Kingdom of An Tir:

The Barony of Borealis successfully worked with the Alberta Provincial Museum in the spring of 1993, to provide a top notch medieval exhibit, feast, and Demo of crafts and fighting for the general public. Approximately 7,000 people filed through the exhibit (all ages), and 100 people paid \$30.00 to participate in the Medieval Feast (with another 100 on a waiting list!). The museum staff were so impressed by the turn out (there were an average of 300 people per hour in the exhibit, and they were staying for an unheard of average of two hours), that the exhibit, originally scheduled for one week, was extended to two weeks. Needless to say, they want to do it again!

Therefore, I am once again soliciting photos of top quality items, preferably constructed by SCA artisans. Each photo must be accompanied by a BRIEF description of the item, time period, and the mundane name and address of the owner of the object. The items can be anything from your favorite sword to a beautiful piece of needlework or pottery. The exhibit will be done on a similar theme as the previous one; namely, the "fair grounds" room and the "castle interior". Costumes are especially popular. The deadline for photo submission is December 1, 1993. After that date, the museum staff will commence choosing the items they want included in the display.

If your item is chosen, you will be sent a Museum Inventory Form, and instructions regarding how to get your item (accompanied by its form!) to the museum. As soon as it is received by the museum, it is insured and treated as any museum article would be. {While this is very reassuring, I have to admit that it seemed funny to me to watch them tut-tutting over the way we take care of our stuff, and handling everything with cotton gloves. I tried to explain that these are things people USE all the time, but they were still shocked.}

The exhibit will run for THREE weeks next year; March 26 to April 17, 1994. They will also be running the "Grand Fair" again, March 26-27. At this time, the Museum has invited SCA artisans to merchant their wares, in order to add to the "fair" flavour. HOWEVER, please note that the Museum reserves the right to jury the merchants; i.e. you must submit photos of your wares as well as a written description of your work. They are not charging for merchanting, but it is important to them that the wares displayed are truly quality, hand-crafted work. No garage sale re-sales! If you live out of Edmonton, but would like to participate, it may