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Please send all submissions to the editor.

Baronial Calendar

APRIL

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6	Capilano Hall Dance + Museum Feast Training	Veraquilon
9	Museum Feast	Veraquilon
13	Business	Veraquilon
16-17	Ithra	Veraquilon
20	Arrow Making	Veraquilon
23	Baronial Meeting Silver Arrow	Veraquilon Bitter End
27	Intro to light fighting	Veraquilon

May

4	Capilano Hall Dance	Veraquilon
11	Business	Veraquilon

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Canton of Veraquilon Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm in the SUB function room at the U of A. All Gentles attending meetings are requested to wear Period Attire (or reasonable attempt thereof) with the exception being Council Meetings.

Canton of Lakelands Fight Practices each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm at Assumption High School. Contact Alfheim 594-1083
Classes on various topics take place each Wednesday evening, 7:00pm. see calender for topics and locations.

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

The Roger de Cote School of Fence Meets at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. For more info call HL Roger de Cote at 449-1593.

Canton of VerAquilon Fighter Practice From March 26 to April 24, the weekly VerAquilon fighter practice will be held at the Alberta Provincial Museum. Please not that many of the practises at the museum will be demonstrations of the SCA. Please consider this when you decide to join us at the Museum. (A good opportunity to show off your "pretty" armour) Please do not hesitate to contact Lord Otto Gruber @ 468-6783 for more information.

Dance Practise Held every 2nd Monday night, U of A Fine Arts Building room 1-29. Contact Mordecai Salzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051 for more info.

Guild of the Groaning Board GREETINGS UNTO THE POPULOUS OF BOREALIS
Are you interested in eating fabulous and exotic dishes? Perhaps you are interested in learning how to cook said dishes. Want to attend some small feasts and learn how to run a feast for larger groups? If any of these things appeal to you then the Guild of the Groaning Board is for you. The Guild meets once a month to prepare (and eat) new and exciting dishes that you would expect to find at any feast. For more info and when the next meeting is please contact Leeanna Ryan at 449-6834.

Announcements

- A Baronial meeting will be held on April 23, 1994, 10am to 2pm in the Sub Function room at the U of A. All Officer's reports are due.

- June 18, 1994 - Cavalier Picnic Noon till whenever. Fencing, bush battles, drinking, pot luck feast.

Alphonse De Lorraine 967-4072

- Your local Guild of the Groaning Board is looking for an individual interested in participating in the Museum Feast (April 9) as an APPRENTICE. You should be interested in cooking, organization, time management, and have good people skills. **No experience required.** Ease in dealing with stress and a willingness to work long hours a plus. Be prepared to spend extra time in advance of the feast preparing food. The ultimate in a Feastocratting Challenge!

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or HL Eleanora fitz John at 449-6834

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- **DANCE PRACTISE** is held in Fine Arts Building Rm 1-29, from 7pm until 10pm. Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer at 435-2051. Practise is held on the following dates:

April 11, 25



The Guilds power died with the coming of big industry. The delicate balance between apprentice, journeyman, and master couldn't be maintained in the large factory operation of the Industrial revolution.

- 1) Industrial Organization in the 16th
and 17th Centuries
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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The CP Avalac Champions Tourney and War Games will be held June 24-27, at Stonewood Castle on Upper Mann Lake in the Barony of Borealis. The Site is about 5 km north of Ashmont on Highway 28 (if you get to the provincial campground, you've gone to far). This is a primitive site, but has a lovely view of the lake, is secluded from the highway, and has a castle on site for ambience. Site fee is \$5/person and a head sized rock. Rocks will be for sale at the Troll booth for a small fee for those who do not wish to transport their own.



Noon - Site opens
8pm - ? Soup Kitchen

War Games
Closing Court

9am - Opening Court
- Armour
Inspection
- Tourney, etc

Noon - Site closes

There will be a soup kitchen set up Friday evening for those wishing hot food with tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. Cost will be by donation to recover costs.

Heavy Fighters bring your tourney tiles. Champion must be a resident of Avacal. Crown shield Conventions apply. No more than 3 striking surfaces per weapon. No more than 5 striking surfaces on the field.

Light tourney rules similar to previous years.

Merchants and entertainers welcome.

There will be a stone mason class for those gentles interested in learning to build their own stone castle.

For further information, contact the
Autocrats: Valgard af hus Vendrer
Edwina of Loxley
(mka Maxwell Garrison
Linda Yoner)
Box 159 Gibbons, AB
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customers - protected all the while by the eagle eye of the Gild. The Spirit of the Gild was one of brotherhood; craftsmen were forbidden to use undue influence to secure customers.

Initially, members were simply townspeople who were willing to live in the town and put their skills to work to help the town prosper. After a while, it went by inheritance. There were initiation fees to be paid, which were waived for the eldest son. After that, a complex schedule of fees went into effect. It is interesting to note that a widow of a Gild merchant retained membership until she remarried.

Every occupation that had at least 20 workers in a town formed its own gild. It wasn't long before the gilds established a recognized system for training and recognizing a level of skill and experience. These three grades will be instantly recognized today;

- 1) Master
- 2) Journeyman
- 3) Apprentice

These three levels worked side by side in the workshop. The masters of any craft ruled it thru officials that they appointed. These craft officials were responsible for;

- ordinances
- fees
- fines
- benefactions

and were the ultimate authority.

In 1563, the 7-year apprenticeship period, previously a custom, became law. An apprenticeship contract was signed in the

The Gilds (Guilds)
submitted by Erna Kajadotter

The gilds came into power as the Feudal system decayed. Impoverished or greedy Lords sold towns their right to govern themselves and to regulate their trades. These two rights became established as the Municipal Government and the Gild Merchant. The two regulatory systems worked together, yet had distinctly separate functions, which were established by Gild Charters. The charters were very complex, and due to the depth of these written documents, Gild history is readily available today.

The Gild Merchant was an organization of merchants which had a trade monopoly in their town, and concerned themselves with the regulation of that monopoly. They possessed property, and were self-governing to a large extent. They made agreements with gilds of neighbouring towns with regards to the free entry of goods. They were responsible for the organization and development of the trade of the town (under the supervision and active control of the town's municipal officers).

In summary, the function of the Gild Merchant was;

- to arrange for & control markets
- fix prices and wages
- arrange for communal purchases
- control trading operations of members and NON-members
- collect tolls
- punish violations of its regulations.

What this amounted to was that a Gild Merchant was an artisan who bought his own raw materials, produced his own wares in his own workshop, and sold direct to his own

* BRAND NEW OPPORTUNITY *

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Your local Guild of the Groaning Board is looking for individuals interested in participating in a Totally New Weight Gain Program. If you want to gain weight and keep it on, call the Guild NOW. This exclusive opportunity will be offered only to those hardworking souls who thrive on stress and copious amounts of good food!

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DON'T WAIT!!

May Crown in Wealdsmere Shire May 20-22, A.E. xix

Please join the Shire of Wealdsmere for the May Crown tournament at Farragut State Park, 4 miles east of Athol, Idaho. Athol is 19 miles north of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and 28 miles south of Sandpoint, ID, on route 95. The site will open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Site fee is \$10 U.S./\$12 Canadian for ages 12 and over, \$5 U.S./\$7 Canadian for children 3-11. Children under 3 are free. Preregistration by May 9 will save \$1 per person over age 11. Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc., Shire of Wealdsmere.

DO NOT CHECK IN WITH THE PARK RANGER - COME DIRECTLY TO THE SCA TROLL GATE.

In the past, the site has had problems with bees, so if you are allergic, please come prepared. Because this event is in May, bees should not be as active, but we plan to place bee traps, to minimize stings. There will be hot showers and swimming near by (less that two miles).

Reservations for space on the Eric (period pavilions only, please) are being accepted by Mistress Elayne Greybeard (mka: Helene Mir), 11723 E. 4th, Spokane, WA 99206. Please indicate your required space, including guide ropes. Priority to Kingdom officers, Royal Peers and Group pavilions.

Ithra classes will be offered. Contact Mistress Elayne Greybeard if you have a class you would like to teach, or if you have a class you would like to see available.

Merchantcrat is HLS Fiona Finnech (Deanna Rommel), W. 1530 Knox, Spokane, WA 99205, (509) 325-9548. FOOD MERCHANTS ARE MOST WELCOME. There is no extra fee for merchants, but reservations would be appreciated.

Anyone who wishes to sponsor a contest or who requires special arrangements should contact the autocrat:

Lady Darbie of Ironmaid
(mka: Darbie J Marlin)
524 W Euclid, Spokane, WA
99205-4912 (509) 325-6991
(Written correspondence preferred, please)

MAY CROWN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please return with your payment by May 9, 1994

Modern Name	SCA Name	Branch	Age, if Minor
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Will you be merchanting? _____
Site needed for Merchant pavilion _____ Front _____ Deep _____
Any other requirements? _____

To reserve space on the Eric for your period pavilion, please contact Mistress Elayne Greybeard, 11723 E. 4th Ave, Spokane, WA 99206

Estimated time of arrival (circle one):

	Friday	Sat. a.m.	Sat. p.m.	Sunday
# of people 12 & over	_____	X	\$9 (US) or \$11 (Can) = \$	_____
# of children, 3-11	_____	X	\$5 (US) or \$7 (Can) = \$	_____
# of children under 3	_____	Free!		
				Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Name, address and phone of contact person:

Make check or money order payable to SCA, Inc., Shire of Wealdsmere and mail to HLS Fiona Finnech, c/o Deanna Rommel, W 1540 Knox, Spokane, WA 99205. Include a self-addressed, stamped postcard to receive confirmation of your pre-registration.

(This form may be duplicated)