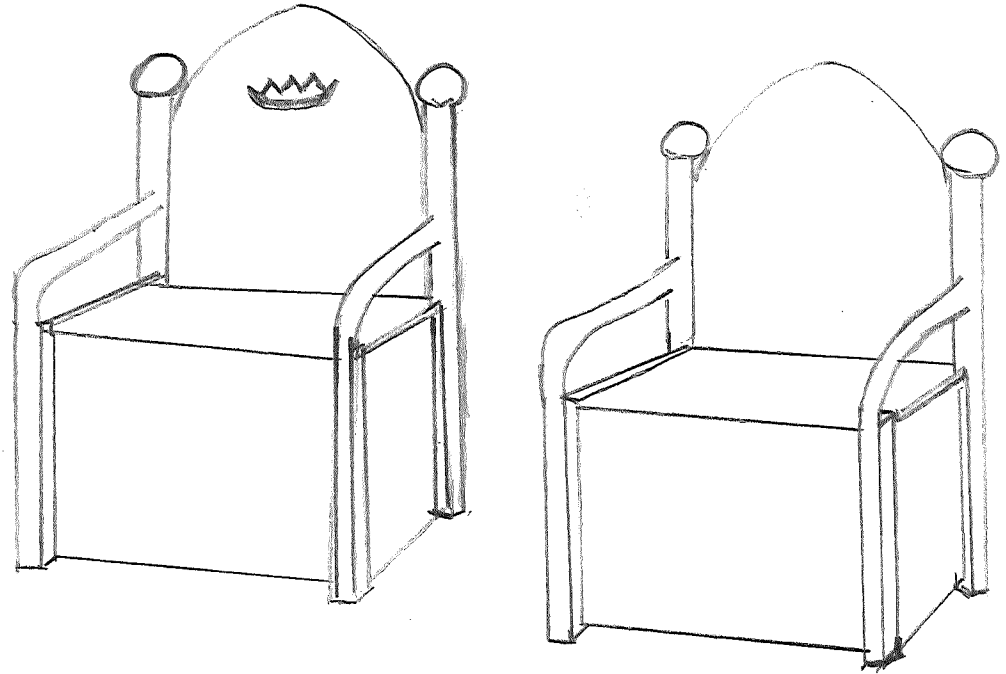


# Aurora

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Baronial Calendar

July

- 1-4 An Tir / West War  
5 Capilano Dance Hall Veraquilon  
7-9 Coronation Wealdsmere  
12 Business Meeting Veraquilon  
15 Groaning Board Feast Veraquilon  
19 Projects Night Veraquilon  
26 Talk by HL John McLeod Veraquilon

August

- 2 Capilano Dance Hall Veraquilon  
4-6 Clinton War Montengarde /  
Lionsgate  
9 Business Meeting Veraquilon

\* Lakelands weekly meetings are held in the Grand Centre Public Library unless otherwise noted.

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Canton of Veraquilon Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm in Education North, Room 4-110 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.

Canton of VerAquilon Fighter Practice Please do not hesitate to contact Lord Otto Gruber @ 468-6783 for more information.

Canton of VerQuilon Fencing Practice Call (403) 986-6623 for information.

Dance Practise is held every second Monday in the Dimwoodie Lounge, in SUB, at the U of A, from 7:30pm until 10pm. Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051.

The Groaning Board meets monthly to research and plan for our thrice-yearly feasts. It is our mandate to provide an opportunity for developing excellence in period culinary arts, as well as the science of planning events and autocratting them. If you share our interest, we welcome you. We have a structure for advancement and recognition of the attainment of our goals, based on the period guild system. For more information regarding meeting times and place, phone HL Eleanora fitz John (mka Leeanna Ryan) 449-6834

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You know you're in the SCA when...  
your garb closet is bigger than your  
mundane closet.  
and the clothes are in better condition.

**Announcements:**

- **All Officers: Baronial or Canton:** Please forward to the Editors your reporting schedule - When you are required to report to your superiors, and when you require your deputies to report to you. This information will be published each month.

- **Archery Practice** at the residence of Joan the Just. Call (403) 986-6623 for schedule and directions.

- **Vacant** Baronial positions must be filled. List Mistress, Water Bearer. Those interested please send resumes to the Seneschal.

- **The Groaning Board** has decided to release a list of their upcoming events, in order that participants may better prepare themselves (ie: making a special costume) if they so desire. These events will be held over the next couple of years. We encourage and appreciate any extra effort that quests make, and to that end, we will occasionally hold advance workshops if they are deemed helpful. Each event will include a free lecture (pertaining to the event theme), a period menu, special entertainment, and dancing. All reservations must be paid two weeks in advance of the event.

- I. German Hunting Lodge (c. 1400)  
(Held Feb 11, 1995)
- II. Chaucer: an English tavern (c. 1350)  
(to be held July 15, 1995)
- III. Richard III: a Trial by his Peers  
(England, 1485)
- IV. Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Courts of Love (France, 1175)
- V. Midsummer's Eve: A Celebration (England, 1600)
- VI. Renaissance Masked Ball: All is Not What

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Adeline and Alfheim  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 1995**  
(tentative)

July 7 Coronation, Wealdsmere, (An Tir Tier I)  
Aug 5 Clinton War, LionsGate, (An Tir Tier I)  
Aug 12 Hinton demo, no event  
Aug 18-20 Baroness' War, Terra Pomeria (An Tir Tier I)  
Sept 1-4 Crown, Ramsgaard (An Tir Tier I)  
Sept 8-10 Avacal war vs. Artemesia; Artemesia  
Sept 23 Silverwolf, Veraquilon (Avacal T II)  
Oct 14 Serjeants' testing (Avacal T II)  
Oct 28 Bordergate Champions (Avacal T II)  
Nov 18 Lakeland Theme feast (Avacal T II)  
Dec 2 Jule Feast, Veraquilon (Avacal T I)

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You know you're in the SCA when...  
you visit a period castle, museum,  
historical site, etc. and you can spot the  
mistakes in the tour guide's lecture.

it Seems (Italy, 1460)  
VII. Don Quixote: Shades of Spain (1605)  
VIII. Hamlet: Something's Rotten in the State  
of Denmark! (Daneland, 1050)

- **The Black Sheep Guild** will be having a fabric sale at the Trade Fair. Couture fabrics at 20% of retail. Large selections of silks and quality fabrics and french lace. Will take pre-orders, pay up front. Please call Karen at (403) 449-1593 or Jane Bisbee (403) 465-6811. Samples available, call for appointment.

- **From Edward Bolden**; Greetings to all Fencers within the Barony of Borealis. As always, I fully support all SCA fencing practices. Hamish (or possibly Mercusio (sp?)) has indicated a willingness to hold Fencing Practices as noted in the Aurora.  
**FENCE FENCE FENCE FENCE FENCE FENCE FENCE**

**Aurora Cover and Art Contest**

The populace is asked to design, draw and submit artwork for a permanent cover for the Aurora. The winning entry will be picked by popular vote at a future event in Borealis. Prizes will be awarded for the top entries. (Prizes have not been determined at this time, but will include a bottle of mead, and may include a bottle of Valgard's Brandy Plums). Non-winning entries will go into the pending art file and may be used as filler art in future issues, at the discretion of the Editors.

For further information contact the Chroniclers, Valgard and Edwina, at (403) 923-2864 (no calls after 10pm, please)

VERAQUILON TRADE FAIR JULY 29, 1995

Come one, come all!! Bring your unwanted items for barter and trade!!

Exercise your skills in haggling, and refurbish your SCA belongings at the same time. Rid yourself of unwanted armour, weapons, jewelry, cloth, garb, feast gear, footwear, books, and various and sundry other items. Anything can be brought for trade, including skills and talents, but you must be successful in bartering and haggling to exchange your items for those brought by other gentles.

Enjoy an afternoon of rousing games and competitions. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. In the evening, relax with companions and sample a pot luck feast.

There will be dancing, drinking, dicing, and more games for those gentles who are energetic enough to continue into the wee hours of the night. A Tablero board will be open for those who wish to challenge Veraquilon's champion.

The fair opens at 1:00 pm and will continue until 5:00 pm. Tables are available at the hall on a first come, first served basis. Cash sales are permitted but barter is preferred. Merchants are welcome.

The bar will be open to provide alcohol, non-alcoholic beverages, and finger food for the duration of the fair.

The potluck feast starts at 5:30 pm. A main dish will be provided. The assignments for potluck items are by mundane last name: A-F breads and cheeses, G-L vegetables, M-R

Forward this information to Vychan, in Mryganwood, for typesetting etc. Vychan has generously offered his considerable talents in this area to help make our bid easy to read, consistent and spiffy besides!

- If you personally know some peers from outside of Avacal - ask them for a letter of support and have them forward it to me.
- If you are a CP Officer, request a letter of support from your Kingdom superior. I will be trying to find some of these gentles at Coronation, but I can't guarantee that I will be able to find them!

If you have asked someone you know for a letter of support, please ask them to forward it to me by:

Mail: Sapphira of Sherwood  
c/o Irene Christiansen-Ten-Hove  
535 - 10th Avenue NE  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2P 3E3

Email: irenet@pcomega.petro-canada.ca

Fax: (403) 296-4990 **INCLUDE COVER PAGE  
ADDRESSED ONLY TO MUNDANE NAME  
PLEASE!!!!**

In person: I'll be at Coronation, in the Avacal Pavilion.

Yours in service to the dream,  
Sapphira

Sept. Crown Discussion at Kingdom Curia

Mid Sept Any deficiencies noted in petition  
must be rectified

Sept 18 Submission to BoD.

Oct 10 BoD meeting

Note: If we just can't get everything  
together in time, dates will be adjusted to  
shoot for Kingdom Curia at 12th night and the  
February BoD meeting.

What can be done by the general populace to  
speed things along?

- When the polling starts, help make sure  
it gets circulated as soon as possible  
and as widely as possible.
- Work on basic history for your group  
which should include:
  - \* name/device of branch
  - \* Basic timeline, when name/device  
passed, created a  
Canton/Shire/Barony etc.
  - \* mundane location
  - \* some descriptive paragraph which  
describes your branch (think  
poetic)
- Make it come alive for all those BoD  
types that will be reading this and have  
never been to your Shire/Canton/Barony)
  - \* Statistics which demonstrate that  
your group has been active. Use  
numbers for the last five years or  
so with information on number of  
events, size of the events, number  
of demos, active guilds etc.,  
regular group meetings. A summary  
should be sufficient, you don't  
need to list every single event you  
have put on for the last 5 years!

main dishes, and S-Z desserts and fruits.  
Please ensure that all dishes are sufficient  
for 5-8 gentles.

The fair and feast will be held at  
Hazeldean Community Hall, 9630-66 Ave,  
Edmonton, Alberta. There will be a cash bar.

Site fee is \$5.00 for members, \$8.00 for  
non-members, free for smalls 8 and under. The  
feast is included in the site fee when a  
potluck dish is brought. For those gentles  
who arrive without a potluck dish the feast  
is \$5.00. Advance registrations can be made  
through either autocrat.

The Autocrats are:

Lady Seraphine Jonquille Desjardins  
Marla Honert  
#206, 10512 - 83 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta  
(403) 433-6803

Arianrod the Laughing  
Tara Million  
10707-60 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta  
(403)431-1542

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You know you're in the SCA when...  
your kid can't make the high school  
baseball team because he swings a bat like a  
bastard sword.

"Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote  
The droghte of March hath perced to the toote,  
And bathed every veyne in swich licour,  
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;  
Whan Zephirus eek with his sweete breeth  
Inspired hat in every holt and heeth  
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne  
Hath in the Ram his halfe cours yronne,  
And smale foweles maken melodye,  
That slepen al the nyght with open eye,  
So priketh hem nature in hir corages;  
Thanne logen folk to goon on pilgrimages..."

The Canterbury Tales, Chaucer: 1386-1400 AD

Yes! The Groaning Board is back - this time we are in the *Tabard Tavern*. The date is July 15, 1400: the *Tabard Tavern* is a cosy place to spend a night on the road to Canterbury. Mingle with gentry, hear a few tales, sing some songs, kick up your heels before resuming the toil of pilgrimage...

HL Eleanora fitz John will provide a free lecture (on site) from 4:30 to 5:30. The topic: Chaucer's England. If you wish to attend, please register when you reserve your feast ticket.

**Reservation Deadline is:** July 1, 1995

**Tickets:**     Adult         \$16.00  
                  Child         10.00

*We will need four servers / clean-up crew, who will eat for free. Please call Edwina if you would like to volunteer.*

**NOTICE: ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY THE RESERVATION DEADLINE TO BE GOOD RESERVATIONS.**  
After the deadline, paid reservations take precedence. There will be a maximum of 40 tickets sold.

**Please make cheques payable to: The Groaning Board**  
(Proceeds from the event go to **The Groaning Board**)

- June 10     Preparation of draft laws.
- June 12-16   Draft laws to be mailed/emailed out with a priority given to the Their Majesties, Their Highnesses, Kingdom Seneschal and the Champions of Avacal for comment. \*\*\* Assistance from the populace is required in ensuring that the laws are distributed quickly.\*\*\*
- June 22     Comments on draft laws must be received in order to be incorporated for presentation at Curia at Champions Tourney.
- June 24     Presentation of draft laws and the start of the official polling. This will be (as far as my current plans are) a very simple yes/no question. There will be no further polling about details - just Principality, yea or nay.
- June-July   Collation of other materials required for bid, including: History of Avacal? History of all Branches? Letters of support from Peers outside Avacal? Letters of support from Kingdom Officers
- End of July   Petition due back?? Final decision on this date is pending discussion at Curia meeting.
- Beginning August   Counting the votes. Assuming the end result is a YES, putting together final submission packages.
- Mid/Late August   Submission of packages to Their Majesties and Kingdom Seneschal



Greetings to Avacal from the Seneschal's Office.

First I would like to thank all those who filled out a comment sheets and returned them. Particular thanks to those who took the time to provide thoughtful and lengthy answers to many questions; to the newer people who answered what questions they could; and special thanks to Prince Etienne of Artemesia who shared with me some of his insights on what it means to be a Prince.

To move on, there is some perception that this Principality process is taking too long (or in a few cases, that it is moving too quickly). To those that felt that the comment sheets were a waste of time and we just should have done it - I have to point out that part of a Principality petition includes draft laws. Those laws must include some simple basics like, how long should reigns be, length of time (if any) between a Coronet Tourney and the Investiture, dates for Principality events, responsibilities of Champions... etc. The comment sheets were designed to elicit this information and get a feel for what people want a Principality of Avacal to look like. I now feel confident that I can draft a set of laws that make sense and won't need to be completely re-written, the day after our first Prince is invested.

Now, what you are all dying to know... the secret agenda, (based on the assumption that the vote will be a yes):

June 9      Comment sheets must be in my hand by this date in order to be considered.

**To make a reservation:** Lady Edwina of Loxley (mka Linda Yoner) Box 159, Gibbons, AB T0A 1N0 (403) 923-2864 (autotroll on duty) (e-mail to mgarriso@epsb.edmonton.ab.ca)

**Site:** July 15, 1995; St Stephen's Anglo-Catholic Church, 10909 - 96 St., Edmonton, Alberta.

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## July Coronation July 7 - 9, A.S. xxx

Addendum:

**Site fee:** \$10 U.S./\$13 Canadian for ages 12 and over, \$5 U.S./\$7 Canadian for children 3-11. Children under 3 are free. Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc., Shire of Wealdsmere.

**Special note:**

Fire danger in July may be high. Fires must be elevated from the ground.

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The Shire of Wealdsmere would like to invite you to attend the Coronation of the Successors to the throne of Tjorkill and Elowyn. The event will be held midway between the incipient shires of Pendale and Silverhart, at Farragut State Park (4 miles east of Athol, ID).

The site will open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 9.

The tentative schedule for the event is as follows (Curia TBA):

### Saturday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Meeting of the Order of the Laurels  
10:00 a.m. Meeting of the Order of the Pelicans  
11:00 a.m. Meeting of the Order of the Chivalry

9:00 a.m. Lists open and armor inspection for the Squire's Tournament  
10:00 a.m. Squire's Tournament  
2:00 p.m. Final Court of TRMs Tjorkill & Elowyn

Dusk - Investiture of Their Royal Highnesses

### Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. First Court of \_\_\_\_\_ Wolf & Luise  
10:00 a.m. Lists open and armor inspection for the Champion's Tournament and Kingdom Protector Tournament  
11:00 a.m. Armor inspection  
12:00 p.m. Invocation of the Lists  
3:00 p.m. Closing Court of \_\_\_\_\_ Wolf & Luise, Invocation of the Kingdom Champion and Kingdom Protector.  
5:00 p.m. Site closes

### Special notes:

Site is discreetly wet - period containers, please. Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated!

Pets are allowed on site. Please keep dogs on leash at all times - dogs chasing deer will be shot by the rangers.

We will be setting bee traps - but if you are allergic, please come prepared!

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### Special notes (continued):

Water is available on site at two locations - please bring a container!

If you wish to set up your RV in the special RV parking near the Archery field, please inquire at the Gate for directions.

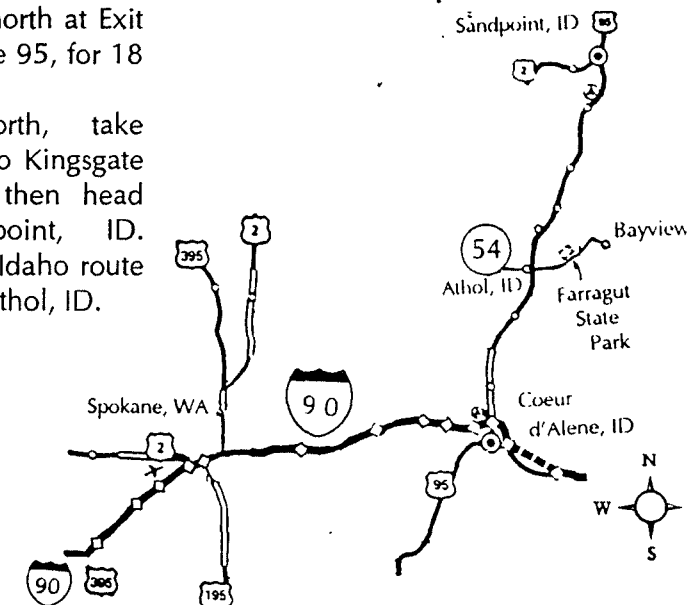
Wealdsmere will be holding its' Arts and Science Championship on Saturday.

**DIRECTIONS:** From points south or west, take Washington state route 95 (north), Washington state route 395 and/or I-90 (east) to Spokane, WA. Follow I-90 east for 28 miles until you reach Coeur d'Alene, ID. Turn north at Exit # 12 on Idaho route 95, for 18 miles to Athol, ID. From points north, take Canadian route 3 to Kingsgate or Creston, B.C., then head south to Sandpoint, ID. Continue south on Idaho route 95 for 28 miles to Athol, ID.

Idaho hwy. 54 intersects with route 95 at Athol. Turn east, toward Bayview. The entrance to the park is about 4 miles east of route 95. DO NOT STOP AT THE PARK TROLL GATE - proceed directly to the SCA site which is located about one mile further into the park, on your left.

### Autocrat:

HLS Darbie of Ironmaid (mka: Darbie J Marlin)  
524 W Euclid, Spokane, WA 99205-4912 (written correspondence preferred)  
(509) 325-6991 or fax: (509) 328-8680. Calls will be returned collect.



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