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# Aurora



June, A.S. XXX

## Announcements:

- **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.

-**Attention:** The Barony of Borealis is looking for a Steward. The position would be a deputy of the Chatelaine and responsible for keeping track of Baronial property such as regalia. Letters of application should be sent to their Excellencies, the Baron & Baroness, and to the Baronial Seneschal.

- **Baronial Meeting** will be held at Quad War on June 3, time to be arranged.

- **Bids** for SilverWolf Champions tourney (September 23) will be accepted until June 1st. Send bids to the Baronial Seneschale, Countess Helena.

- **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)

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## Baronial Calendar

### June

- |     |   |             |
|-----|---|-------------|
| 3-4 | Quad War                                | Bordergate  |
| 7   | Capilano Dance Hall                     | Veraquilon  |
|     | Knights Templar & Other Military Orders | Lakelands   |
| 14  | Business Meeting                        | Veraquilon  |
|     | The War Horse                           | Lakelands   |
| 17  | Dragonslayer                            | Montengarde |
| 21  | Paper Making                            | Veraquilon  |
| 24  | CP Avacal Champions Tourney             | Cold Keep   |
| 28  | Projects Night                          | Veraquilon  |
|     | Medieval Cooking & Herbology            | Lakelands   |

### July

- |     |   |            |
|-----|---|------------|
| 5   | Capilano Dance Hall   | Veraquilon |
| 7-9 | Coronation  | Wealdsmere |
| 12  | 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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### The Gravid Baroness Tavern

Sargeants are running the June Tavern. There will be a sargeants only goods and services auction, goods and services provided by same.

As an example, John Macleod will offer a scroll done by himself, the higher the bid, the more ornate the scroll.

Tavern type food. \$2.00 door fee.

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

June 3 Quad war, Bordergate (Avacal Tier I)  
June 10 Uprising War, Principality of Artemesia  
June 24 Champion's Tourney, Cold Keep (Avacal Tier I)  
July 15 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)

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

**Baroness** Mistress Mistress Laurel's **Once in a lifetime** Spring Cleaning Sale; Hundreds of meters of material and trim, buckram, hats, glassware, jewelry, light sticks, games, costumes, curtains, photos, and much, much more. Start saving for this event today. Cash Sales today. Merchants table at DragonSlayer.

**Found** at May Tavern, One drinking vessel. To claim, call Jane Woods, (403) 465-6811

**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 be 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)

Due to personal reasons the Groaning Board feast on June 10, 1995 has been moved to July 15, 1995. The new reservation date deadline will be July 1, 1995. If there are not enough reservations by this date the event will be cancelled. For further information please contact Edwina of Loxley mka Linda Yoner at (403) 923-2864. (e-mail to mgarriso@epsb.edmonton.ab.ca)

*"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..."*

*"...When in April the sweet showers fall  
And pierce the drought of March to the root, and all  
The veins are bathed in liquor of such power  
As brings about the engendering of the flower,  
When also Zephrus with his sweet breath  
Exhales an air in every grove and heath  
Upon the tender shoots, and the young sun  
His half-course in the sign of the Ram has run,  
And the small fowl are making melody  
That sleep away the night with open eye  
(So nature pricks them and their heart engages)  
Then people long to go 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...

### The SCA Kingdom-level Awards (Part 1 of 6)

By Master Thorvald Grimsson, OL, OP, OGGs, Yeoman

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This six-part article is about the seven major kingdom-level awards in An Tir. It describes the meaning of each award, describes the duties and responsibilities that go with it, and discusses what it is given for, and what it is not given for. It gives details of the recommendation, decision and presentation process.

The article contains my personal interpretation of how the award system actually works, rather than how I think it ought to work. To collect a more complete and balanced picture you should also talk to other long-time SCA members, including peers.

The lowest level of award carries with it an "award" of arms, and is called simply the Award of Arms. Awards of arms rank higher than the general populace. The middle level of award carries with it a "grant" of arms. There are two awards of equal rank at this level, the Goutte de Sang and the Jambe de Lion. Grants of arms rank higher than Awards of Arms. In An Tir there is no grant of arms level of award for martial arts. The earned ranks of Serjeant, Yeoman, and Gallant serve instead as the middle level of recognition. The award structure at these levels differs in each of the kingdoms.

The top level of award carries with it a "patent" of arms. There are four awards of equal rank at this level: Pelican, Laurel, Mastery of Arms, and Knighthood. Persons with patents of arms belong to the Peerage, and are called Peers. They rank higher than persons with grants of arms. Members of the Peerage, even though they may hold no offices, nevertheless have a permanent obligation to help the kingdom run smoothly and mediievally. The award structure at the patent of arms level is the same across all the kingdoms of the known world.

Anyone (this means you) may write a letter to Their Majesties recommending anyone for any award. If you actually want your letter read, type it neatly or write it very legibly. Do not calligraph. Note that a number of independently-written letters are always more convincing than a multi-signature petition.

*Part 1 continued  
next issue.*

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

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.

Reservations for space on the Eric may be made by contacting:

Baroness Elayne Greybeard  
(mka: Helene Mir)  
(509) 924-6428

E 11723 4th, Spokane, WA  
99206

Priority for Eric space will be given to Royal Peers, Kingdom officers and Group pavilions. Period pavilions only, please. Include your SCA and modern names, branch, address, phone and size of space (width and depth, including guide ropes).

Merchants please send reservations to the Autocrat by June 19. Merchant fee of \$5 required, payable to Shire of Wealdsmere. Include inform-

ation as above plus business name and type of wares. *Merchants only* may enter site at 1:00 p.m. Friday for setup.

If you have any contests or competitions to run, please contact the Autocrat. Wealdsmere will be sponsoring an Arts and Sciences Championship.

His Majesty Tjorkill has requested to: "Please try to make provisions for **all cars and RVs to be parked in the parking area** and not at the campsites. We would appreciate it if you could reinforce this with the attendees." Volunteers to assist with parking enforcement on Friday evening and Saturday morning would be greatly appreciated!

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.

## Wealdsmere's Arts and Sciences Championship

### Artisans of An Tir, Bray attend!!

Join us at July Coronation and participate in Wealdsmere's Arts and Sciences Champion competition. Entrants should be residents of An Tir but do not need to be paid members of the S.C.A.

There will be eight categories. To qualify for the championship overall award, you must enter at least five categories. The categories are:

- ◆ Hats                      ◆ Decorative Metalwork/Jewelry
- ◆ Footwear                ◆ Decorative woodwork    ◆ Calligraphy
- ◆ Needlework            ◆ Leatherwork            ◆ Illumination

Items must not be more than two years old and must not have won in any prior contests. Items will be judged on authenticity, design, complexity, appearance and workmanship. Documentation is always a plus. Please limit your entries to items two years old or less that have not won in prior competitions.

The contest will run Saturday, July 8. Judging and populace choice voting will take place on Saturday afternoon. Participants may pick up their entries after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

There will be awards for the top three in each category, a populace choice award and a smalls award. The A&S Champion of Wealdsmere will be announced at closing court.

If you have any questions, contact Wealdsmere Mistress of Arts, HLS Kelta the Capricious (mka: Kelly A. Baldwin), Box 30, Mead, WA 99021 (509) 466-8105 (before 9:00 p.m.)



**CP Abacal's Heavy and Light Champion Tournaments**

June 23-25, 1995

Cold Keep

**Location:** The site is located at the Pr. George Snowmobile Club.

From the East travel on Hwy. 16 West, turn left onto the Old Cariboo Hwy. at the first set of lights before entering Pr. George. Travel approximately 15 km south and the Old Cariboo Hwy ends at a stop sign. Turn left onto Hwy. 97 S. and travel 2.5 km. Turn left onto Buckhorn Lk. Rd. Travel approximately 8 km down and turn left onto Scott Rd. when the road T's. Travel along Scott Rd. until it ends at the Site.

From the South, turn right on Buckhorn Lk. Rd. off Hwy. 97 S. about 15 km north of Red Rock. Follow the instructions above.

**Site Rules and Fees:** The site opens at 3pm Friday and closes at 6pm Sunday. The site fee is \$5.00 for those 16 and over. There is a non-member surcharge of \$4.00 for those 18 and over. This is a camping event. Potable water will be available on site. Primitive outhouses. A creek runs through the site. The site is discreetly wet, no offensive or discourteous behaviour will be tolerated, smoking and fires only in designated areas. Site rules will be strictly enforced.

**Tournaments:** Armor inspection for the Heavy Champion's Tourney will be at 10:00am on June 24th. Armor inspection for the Light Champion's Tourney will immediately follow the Heavy Tourney. Bring your Tourney Tiles!!!! Wooden Tourney Tiles will be required to enter the lists. Tourney Tiles will be available on site by donations.

**Feast:** There will be a feast at 6pm on the 24th. The feast is \$10.00 for those 12 yrs and over. \$5.00 for those 6-12 yrs. 5 yrs and under free. Tickets may be available on site but advance reservations by June 10th are strongly advised.



**Autocrat:** Morag MacCorrain

mka: Maureen Schulting

RR#7 Site 25, Comp. 13

Pr. George, B.C. V2N 2J5

(604) 963-3187, email: schulting@cnc.bc.ca

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

<b><u>Tickets:</u></b>	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

**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.