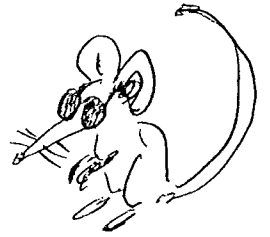


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THE "MAIDENS" OF BOREALIS

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

May 13 Serjeants, Myrganwood  
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)

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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.

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 is hereby canceled until futher notice, by order of the Veraquilon Seneschal and Master of Stables, as directed by Kingdom Earl Marshall of An-Tir Edward Bolden.

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

**Announcements:**

The third wednesday of every month is **Projects Night!** Bring your projects to work on, get advice where you have problems or just to do them in company. Show off your skills and brainstorm on other ideas.

**House of Erna : Custom Design and Fashion**

Erna would like to announce her costuming service. For an appropriate fee, she will construct garb to your specifications. Alterations also a speciality. For discreet inquiries, contact HL Erna at 449-1593

- **Archery Practice** at the residence of Joan the Just has been discontinued for the winter.

- **For Information about Fencing** call (403) 986-6623

- **Vacant Baronial positions** must be filled. List Mistress, Water Bearer, Arts & Sciences. 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) and Serjeants (October 14-15) will be accepted until June 1st. Send bids to the Baronial Seneschale, Countess Helena.

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"...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 Zephyrus 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 June 10, 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:** May 27, 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

**To make a reservation:** Lady Edwina of Loxley (mka Linda Yoner) Box 159, Gibbons, AB T0A 1N0 (403) 923-2864 (autotroll on duty)

**Site:** June 10, 1995; St Stephen's Anglo-Catholic Church, 10909 - 96 St., Edmonton, Alberta.

- **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 guests 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 June 10, 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.

## Baronial Calendar

### May

- 3 Capilano Dance Hall Veraquilon  
How to Camp Medieval Style Lakelands
- 10 Business Meeting Veraquilon  
Brewing Mysteries (supplies needed)  
Lakelands
- 17 Heraldry and Heraldry Lakelands
- 24 Mail - Protective and Decorative  
Lakelands
- 31 Bardic Circle - Legends Night  
Lakelands

### 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

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

The submission deadline for the June issue of the Aurora is May 15th. The publishing and distribution date will be May 31st.

The Aurora is available for \$16 per annum (12 issues). All cheques and money orders are to be made payable to:

"ASCA - Barony of Borealis"

## May Day Tavern Promises Good Eating

*The Groaning Board* will be hosting a May Day social on 3 May 1995 at the Capilano Hall. Bring your friends and your appetites -- after all our specialty is food! Help us to celebrate May Day and Beltaine.

May 1 was known by several names -- May Day, Garland Day or Beltaine, and was a time for celebrating the end of a long winter, the return of the sun and the beginning of spring. Villagers would gather to dance around the May Pole (an ancient symbol of virility - you figure it out) which had been decorated with ribbons and greenery. Hawthorn blossoms were especially associated with May and the May Queen would be crowned with a wreath of hawthorn blossoms.

In earlier times, the Celts celebrated with the lighting of Beltaine fires to mark the return of the sun, and hang bunches of herbs on the doors of friends and loved ones to bring them good luck. The "May Lady" a garlanded figure set in the house, was presented with offerings of food and wine.

*At the calends (first days) of Maie, the youthe aswell menne as women are wonte to go a maiying into the felds and bring home boughes and flowres to garnishe their houses and gates, and in some places the churches.*

*from De Rerum Inventoribus (1546)*

Good food, good friends -- and the end of winter. What more can you ask for? Well, we don't deliver, so you will have to come down to Capilano Hall. *The Groaning Board* promises to make it a night to remember.

Some of the patter a herald uses, which can sound yaddayaddayaddablahblahblah to the impatient combatant, are audio clues for the Spectators to drop their gossip, listen up and catch the names of the players on the field. Watch any boxing match, same process in action.

So please, warriors of Avacal, grant field heralds the mercy and courtesy you wish granted to you. When they are on the Field, it is for your Enhancement and the Enhancement of the event around you. If you truly fear the mangling of your name, consult with the herald beforehand. All things can be improved with communication and courtesy.

I would ask all knights, yeomen, sergeants and any within Avacal who employ men at arms to bring this message to as many as possible. Reprint this article in full as you will.

In service to Avacal

Reanna Wheatenfeld

(any comments can be sent to my email pigeon roost, sarkfarm@cadvision.com)

You know you're in the SCA when...

- you watch the old replay of the Crowning of the English Queen Elisabeth II and you recognize peoples ranks by the Coronets they are wearing

Greetings unto the greatest Barony in the Knowne World!

We wish to congratulate the excellent showing from the Baronial members at the Avacal Arts and Sciences competition in Myrganwood. There were over 100 entries in all the categories by Avacal members. We had a number of people place well, and four categories were won by us.

Congrats!

Maybe next year we'll win everything! As decided at the Feast of the Evergreens, the highest placing Baronial member would become the new Arts and Sciences Champion for Borealis: Baroness Adelaine will carry the title for this year.

Congratulations are also extended to Eadwulf on the receipt of his goute, and Petra on her A.O.A. {Know anyone who deserves recognition? Let us know}

We are getting ready for the summer season, and hope to have a blast. We hope to see many of you this summer, especially at Quad War and the CP war versus Artemesia.

As a reminder, there will be a Serjeantry competition (includes candidates) at Quad War for categories in Brewing, armouring and accessories. Contact Baroness Adelaine with further questions.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Museum demo. It takes a lot of hard work by many people.

Alfheim and Adelaine

### 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)

Unto all good souls of Avacal,  
Sanguinaris Herald Reanna Wheatenfeld sends  
this missive.

Despite the snow thick around our knees,  
spring hastens upon us. This sends shivers  
of joy through all our eager warriors. Even  
now, I'm certain many are getting frostbite  
in the name of light hearted war.

I would make a request to all who take  
the field in martial spirit this season.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE HERALD IS NOT YOUR ENEMY.

When the tournament comes and a herald  
steps upon the field to cry out the names of  
two hardy combatants to the world, We are not  
there to Deliberately mangle your name,  
Forget your titles, and Generally Mess up  
Your Good Time.

The Field Herald is a Volunteer, unPaid,  
Nervous Actor who is making the effort of  
adding to the Theatre the SCA needs to  
sustain the pleasant illusions our Medieval  
Flavoured Fantasy requires.

He/she does Not Deserve a fighter's  
growls, frustration, or contempt when  
Mistakes happen in pronouncing names or  
forgetting titles. I understand warriors may  
be Hyped for a fight and their nerves on  
edge. This is No Excuse for Being Rude.

A Herald is not on the Field for his/her  
own Benefit and Health. The herald is crying  
out the names and accomplishments of the  
warriors to bring these anonymous swords to  
the attention of the Spectators viewing their  
actions and the Crown whose glory they  
reflect or diminish.

This Space For Rent