

Aurora

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Baronial Calendar

March

- 4 Dance/Fight Practice (Veraquilon)
- 6 Veraquilon Tavern Nite (Veraquilon)
- 11 Fight Practice (Veraquilon)
- 13 Business Meeting (Veraquilon)
- 18 Dance/Fight Practice (Veraquilon)
- 25 Fight Practice (veraquilon)

- * Stonewolf weekly meetings are held in the Grand Centre Public Library unless otherwise noted.
- * Veraquilon Tavern Nite - Capilano Hall, Business meeting - Rm 3-119 Ed. North, UofA, all other meetings will be in Dinwoodie's, SUB, UofA.

The submission deadline for the April issue of the Aurora is March 15th. The publishing and distribution date will be March 25th. The Aurora is available for \$12 per annum 12 issues, pickup or \$14 per annum 12 issues, mailed. All cheques and money orders are to be made payable to:

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OFFICER REPORTING SCHEDULE

Baronial Officer Reports are due:

- February 1 (single reports due from Constable, Chronicler and Exchequer)
- May 1
- August 1
- November 1

Canton: MUST have reports in to Baronial counterparts on the 15th of the month prior to the above due dates. Please include a copy to the Canton Seneschal.

Chronicler:
Will take copies of newsletters as reports. Only requires one formal report (with financial statement) on February 1.

Constable:
Needs one report per year (on February 1) just to know that officer is still there and needs to be warranted, otherwise, just keep in touch.

Exchequer:
Needs a single formal report per year (the year end stuff). Other than that, just keep in touch with changes or problems.

- **New rates for the Aurora:** \$12 pick-up, \$14 mailed; \$10 for Baronial and Canton officers (reminder: Aurora subscription is a requirement for all officers)

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Canton of Veraquilon

Weekly meetings: First Wednesday of the month will be the Tavern nite at Capilano Hall, the 2nd Wednesday will be the Business meeting in room 3-119 in Ed. North at the UofA, subsequent Monday nights will be Dance, Fighting and other activities in Dimwoodie in the Student Union Building at the UofA.

Fight Practices: Please do not hesitate to contact Otto Gruber @ 468-6763 for more information.

Fence Practices: Call Mercushio @ 986-6623 or Alphonse de Lorraine @ 967-4072.

Dance Practice: 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 feasts. For more information regarding meeting times and place, phone HL Eleanora fitz John (mka Leeanna Ryan) 449-6834

Canton of Stonewolf

Fight Practices each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm at Assumption High School. Contact Alfheim 594-1083

Classes on various topics take place each Thursday evening, at the Grand Centre Public Library, unless otherwise noted, 7:00pm. See calendar for topics.

OFFICERS OF THE BARONY OF BOREALIS

Spring Faire in Veraquilon

April 27, 1996
King Edward Park Community League

Cost: \$10 until April 15
\$15 after April 15
\$5 site fee only
\$5 children age 5-13

Baronial Rapier championship and Baronial meeting to occur.

Autocrat: Arianrhod the Laughing
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(403) 433-7732
(mka Tracy Jarratt)

More detailed information will be published in the April *Aurora*.

Groaning Board Feast!

Yes, we're back. The next feast will be held April 13, 1996; time and place to be announced later. The theme is the true "Courts of Love" (not a Kangaroo court).

Autocrat: Eleanor Fitzjohn (mka Leanna Ryan)
449-6834

Reservations to be paid for by April 1st. If there are not enough paid reservations by such time, the event will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

Cost: \$15, age 14 and under half price.

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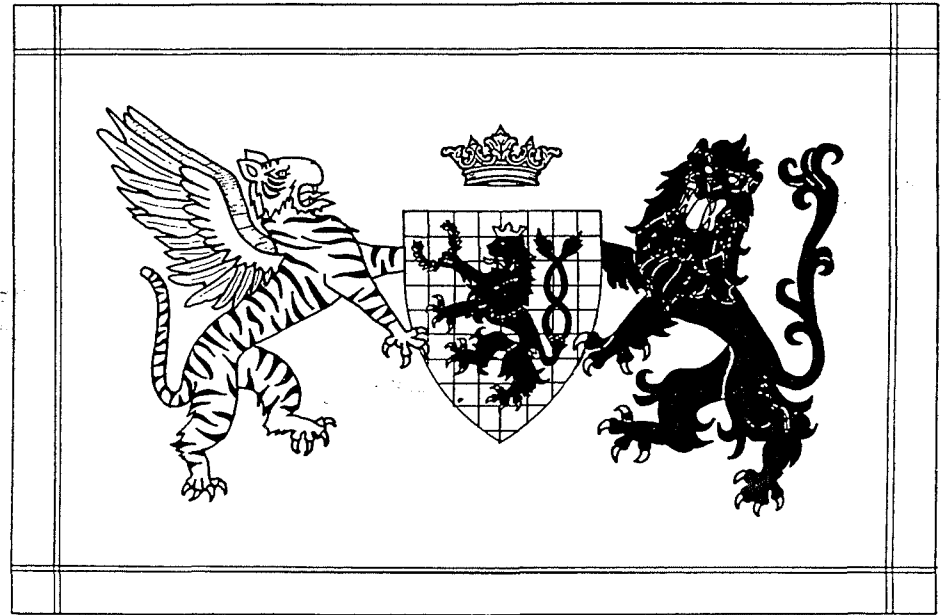
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Unto the Canton of Veraquilon:
Greetings from Their Majesties
Thorin and Sineidin.

We wish to thank Veraquilon
for the beautiful flowered basket
of gifts, and especially Joan
the Just and Cennet ap llanqollen
for the gift of thier talents.

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SILVER ARROW TOURNAMENT
April 20, 1996, A.S. XXX

Come one, come all to the Shire of Bitter End for our annual Archery Tournament! You are cordially invited to devote your day to an expression of your skill at the Bow and vie for the traditional Ounce of Silver in one of the following categories:

- Novice: First-time shooters or those under 16 years of age.
Seniors: Over 16 years of age.
Masters: Persons who have scored over 80 on a royal round or those who have won the Seniors category in the past.

The tournament will be held at the Three Mile Bend Archery Range at 12:00 noon. In case of inclement weather, (defined as follows: 2" of snow, raining, snowing, gale force winds, or 10°C or lower), there will be a Darts Tournament at the Feast Hall.

This year's theme is the Feast of Hamelin. The feast will be held at St. Leonard's on the Hill, 4241 - 44th Street, Red Deer, AB. The hall will open at 5:00 pm.; the feast will begin at 7:00 pm. **THE SITE IS DRY THIS YEAR.**

Prices: \$12.00 Feast (16 years and up)
\$ 7.00 Feast (6 to 15 years)
\$ 5.00 Site fee only
no charge (0 to 5 years)

Please make cheques payable to The Shire of Bitter End.

Reservations may be made by contacting either:

Lady Freydis of Gloppenfjörd (mka Susan Stenson), 5813 - 44 Ave.,
Red Deer, AB T4N 3J4, (403) 347-2467 or

Lady Margaret of Kingston-on-Thames (mka June Lenton), 6311 - 69 St.,
Red Deer, AB T4P 1K8, (403) 343-0364.

Some crash space will be available.

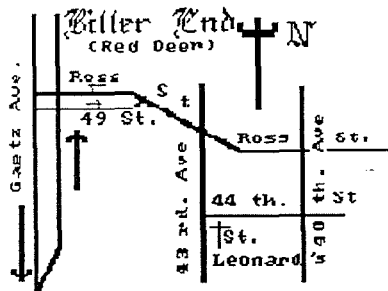
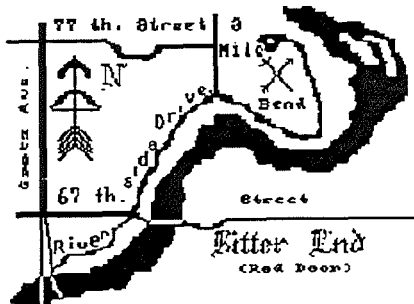
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The deadline for submissions for the premier issue is April 10, 1995. Submissions should be double-spaced, in 11 point type or larger (be kind to the editors' eyes). Submissions should be on paper—no electronic submissions please. Please send a clean photocopy of your article and any accompanying artwork and retain your originals. Please use modern English, save in the case of direct quotation.

Submissions will be acknowledged in writing within one week of receipt. If you submit an article and don't hear back within two weeks (longer in Canada), please notify us.

All contributors are urged to use the writer's guide available from the editors. Submissions and correspondence may be sent to:

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SPRING FAIR
April 27, 1996

Spring has arrived in the canton of Veraquilon and we will be celebrating with a joyous revel! Join us for merchants, games, competitions, dancing, a rapier seminar and a marvelous feast. As well, a May Queen and Green Man will be chosen and there will be May Pole dancing during the evening.

Words from the Baronial Rapier Champion:

So! You think you're good with a rapier, eh! Well, I, Marcus Wynniatt, Borealis Champion of Fence, dare you...no, I double dare...even double dog dare you...to come prove how good you really are.

The Borealis Rapier Championship will entail 3 categories.

1. The "Challenge/Insult"- sharpen your wit and prepare your barb...remember though, the ladies will be judging, so keep it acceptable!
2. The "Unusual Off Hand Weapon"- bring your favorite unusual weapon (fish, boot, mug, etc). Built it out of foam and get a day authorization from the Provost Marshal.
3. The "Tournament"- a round-robin blunts tourney with the 4 highest placing finalists fighting a sharps full bloods match. There are prizes for each category and the Provost Cup for the highest placing foreigner. The Championship will go the highest placing Borealis fighter.

Competitions include: late period German garb, children's garb and herb garden design.

Schedule (tentative as always):

site opens 12:00
rapier tourney 1:00
rapier seminar conducted by Provost Marshal Rodrigo Viola de Navarre (primarily novice level) 4:00
Baronial meeting 5:00
feast 6:00

Site and Costs: King Edward Park Community League 7708-85 St. Edmonton.

Adult \$10- untill April 15

\$15- after April 15

Site \$5

Children (5-13) \$5

Merchants will receive a site discount.

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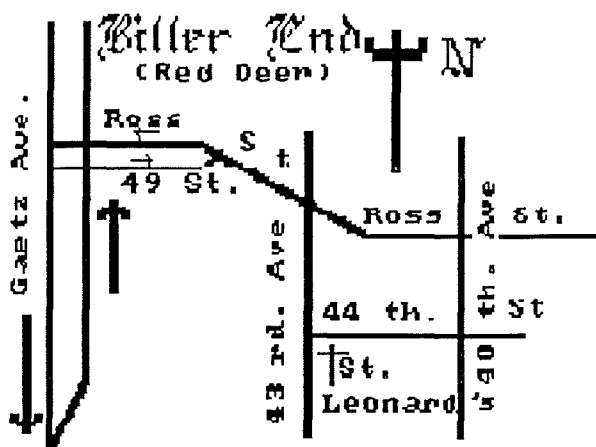
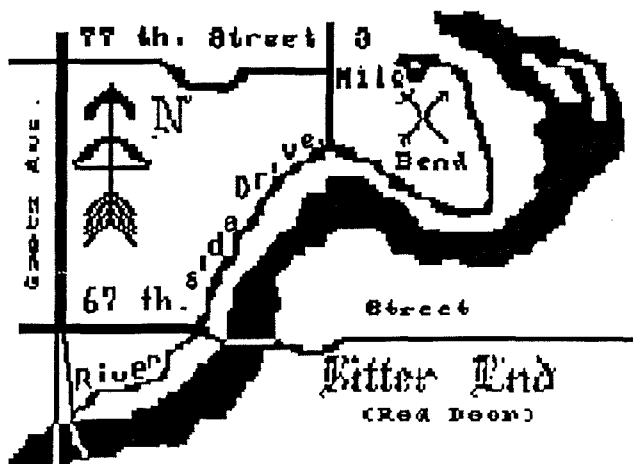
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COURTLY LOVE

Courtly love was a set of conventions, a code of manners and a way of behaving that arose in southern France during the 12th and 13th centuries and then spread throughout Europe. Love was believed to be "the source of all martial glory" and knights thought that fighting for a "fair lady" would help them, for the lady was presumed to be the source of their strength, even when she was absent from the field of battle.

The handbook of love was "The Art of Courtly Love" written by Andreas Capellanus between 1174 and 1186. Its idea was to codify the art and the rules of love so that both men and women could learn to behave correctly. Eleanor of Aquitaine and Marie of Champagne began to hold Courts of Love and soon other ladies followed their example. Many famous decisions were made at these Courts and Andreas wrote them down in his Book. These Courts were the quasi-judicial method of showing good breeding and manners. These ladies would legislate on questions of love, pass sentence on lovers and settle disputes between lovers. The ladies who conducted these Courts had to be married or widowed and of high rank. Certain rules were always followed. For example, the identity of the lovers must **never** be revealed - each case **had to be anonymous**. One partner could present a case, or an Advocate might be chosen to present the case for the lovers.

We hope to replicate the ambiance of these Courts and ask all gentles who wish to participate to abide by the Rules. The following is a partial list of Rules which were given by the King of Love and written down by Andreas in **The Art of Love**.

Rules

1. It is well known that love is always increasing or decreasing.
2. Every lover turns pale in the presence of his beloved.
3. Good character alone makes any man worthy of love.
4. A true lover does not desire to embrace anyone but his beloved.
5. A man in love is always apprehensive.
6. Thou shalt speak no evil.
7. Thou shalt not be a revealer of love affairs.
8. Thou shalt be in all things polite and courteous.
9. When made public, love rarely endures.
10. A true lover considers nothing good except what he thinks will please his beloved.
11. Be obedient in all things to the commands of ladies, thou shalt ever strive to ally thyself to the service of love.
12. Every act of a lover ends in the thought of his beloved.