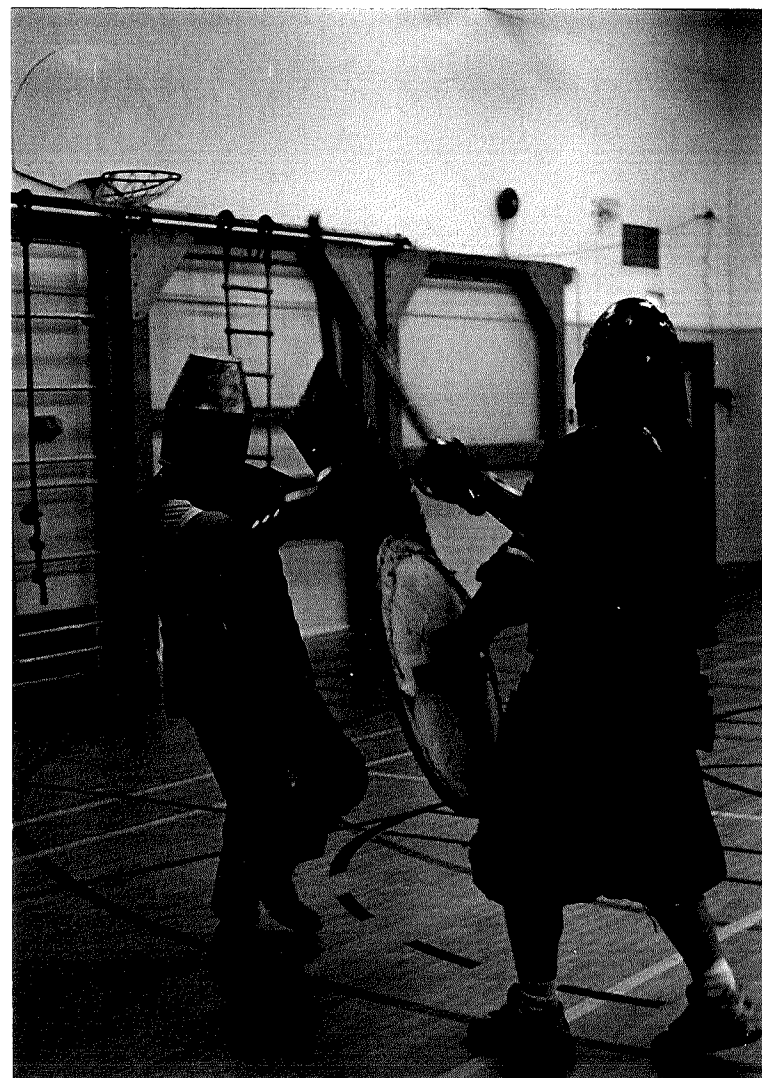


THE AURORA

June, AS XXXI
(1997)





AVACAL AND AREA CALENDAR



June 4	Saxon Night (Edmonton, AB)
June 7	Avacal Coronet - Loch Dorr (Kootenay Bay, BC)
June 21	Dragonslayer Montengarde (Calgary, AB)
June 21	Valley War (Valley Wold, SK)
June 26 - 29	Avacal - Quad War (Saskatchewan)
July 2	Tavern Demo (see copy)
July 12 - 13	Fiber Arts Ithra (Edmonton, AB)
August 24	John Janzen Nature Centre Demo (Edmonton, AB)
August 23	Silver Wolf (TBA)
October 25	Grande Ithra (Montengarde, Calgary)



STANDING BARONIAL CALENDARS



Canton of Stonewolf (Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Area)

Weekly topic meetings are held every Thursday at 1900 hrs in the Grand Centre Library. The fighter practices are held weekly every Tuesday at 1930 hrs in the Assumption School in Grand Centre. Armouring is held every Sunday afternoon at Safe Haven, as weather permits. (Inquiries at 826-6871 to confirm. Warning: Impromptu fight practices may break out spontaneously after armouring!)

Canton of Stonewolf Calendar of Events

June	
Thursday 5	Inkle Weaving with Lady Igraine of Hybernia
Thursday 12	Sewing with Lady Rhowny the Bard
Friday 13	Tavern Night at Safe Haven
Thursday 19	Sewing Class with Lady Igraine of Hybernia
Friday 26	Heraldry with Richard Sparhawk



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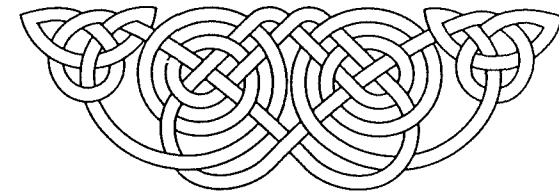


CROWN NEWS

I have heard that Crown was a good event. The weekend was sunny, the nights were clear and the tourney was hot.

Sir Sven Gunnarson won; he and his lady Signe Oxendahl are now our new Crown Prince and Princess. Baroness Sapphira was given the honour of becoming a Pelican. Lords Rodrigo and Thore were made Dons. Taras and Gunther took 1st and 3rd in the Squire's Tourney. Erika won the chivalry prize in the Squires Tournament. Albrecht made it into the quarter finals in the main Crown Tournament draw.

I was told that on a whole Avacal did very well and that Prince Vik was pleased; and that we have also been praised for being the most chivalrous and courteous group there. YES!!!!!!!



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Submission Deadline:

15th of every the month.

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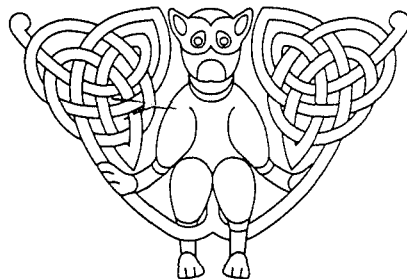
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Please do not call any of these Good Gentles after 9:30 pm local time.



Canton of VerAquilon (Edmonton and Area)



Dance Practice is held Mondays in conjunction with Fighter Practice at the U of A quad area behind the Administration Building by SUB. Note that this is an out-of-doors site and you are required to dress in accordance with weather conditions. Meetings there start at 8:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m.

Business meetings happen on the second Wednesday of the month at the University of Alberta in the Education North Building, Room 3-119 at 8 p.m.

Monthly Tavern Nights are held on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 8 p.m. in the Capilano Community League Hall located at 10810 - 54 Street.

Canton of VerAquilon Calendar of Events (and other things to do)

June

Wednesday 4	Tavern - Saxon Inn	(Capilano Hall Edmonton)
Saturday 7	Avacal Coronet	(Loch Dorr)
Wednesday 11	Business Meeting	(U of A , Edmonton)
Saturday 21	Dragonslayer	(Montengarde, Calgary)
Saturday 21	Valley War	(Valley Wold, SK)
Saturday 27	Avacal Quad War	(see copy)

July

Wednesday 2	Tavern, CBC Rough Cuts	(Capilano Hall Edmonton)
Wednesday 9	Business Meeting	(U of A Edmonton)
Saturday 12 - Sunday 13	Fibre Arts Ithra	(TBA)

August

Saturday 23	Silver wolf	(TBA)
Sunday 24	John Janzen Demo	(Edmonton, AB)

October

Saturday 25	Grande Ithra	(Montengarde, Calgary)
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AVACAL CALENDAR TIER ONE EVENTS



(THESE EVENTS ARE NOT TO CONFLICT WITHIN AVCAL OR KINGDOM)

June	
1	July Avantgarde Deadline
7	Avacal Coronet - Loch Dorr (Kootenay Bay, BC)
July	
1	August Aventgrade Deadline
5	An Tir/West War (Adlantlum)
19	Kingdom Coronation (3 Mountains)
August	
1	September Aventgarde Deadline
9	(?) (Cold Keep)
16	Avacal Investiture (Valley Wold)
30	Kingdom Crown (Wealdsmere)
September	
1	September Aventgarde Deadline
27	Harvest Feast (Bitter End)
October	
1	November Avantgarde Deadline
11	Anniversary (Murgan Wood)
November	
1	December Avantgarde Deadline
1	? (Valley Wold)
8	Autumn Crown Council (TBA)
22	St. Celilia Feast (Windwurm)
29	? (veraquilon)
December	
1	January Avantgarde Deadline
6	Avacal Coronet (TBA)

AVACAL CALENDAR TIER TWO EVENTS

(NO CONFLICT RESTRICTIONS)

June	
21	Valley War (Valley Wold)
29	Quad War (Borealis)
August	
2 - 4	Clinton War (Clinton)
23	Silver Wold (Borealis)
October	
1	Grand Ithra (Montengarde)



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 461-1110



JULY 2ND - TAVERN

DEMO

Please attend in all your finery!

The CBC Television Crew with Brian Paisley from "Rough Cuts" (Wild rose Country) will be filming a special on the SCA.

We intend to show them our usual tavern night, with the we usually bring to a demo.

We need: Fighters, Fencers, Dancers, Merchants, Musicians, Artisans

We also need props., tapistries, armour, games for demonstration and display purposes.

Please come out and support our Barony and Canton and have us look our best to the public.

Autocrat: Gwynaeth - 478 - 1505

"A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT"

JOHN JANZEN NATURE CENTRE DEMO

August 24 , 1997

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: John Janzen Nature Centre
Autocrat: Gwynaeth O Coedaneu (Marsha Bremner)
478-1505

This is our most publicized demo of the year, and we have had great response from both the public and media regarding this demo over the last two years. To ensure our continued success for this years efforts and generated interest in following years, we need the people to help us represent the following groups:

Fighters	Fencers
Dancers	Merchants
Musicians	Herbalists
Spinning/Weavers	Food Merchants

We also need props., tapistries, armour, games, garb, pavillions, anything and everything for demonstration and display purpose.

The press release for the demo has been billed "A Midsummer's Night"

Your assistance and commitment are greatly needed and appreciated. Please call Gwynaeth to confirm both time and possessions.



Correspondence from Afar

April 28, 1997

Unto the Seneschal of the Kingdom of An Tir does lady Ciacinta da Venezia send greetings! Please consider this an open letter to be printed in your local branch newsletter.

I write this day to introduce myself to you, and the populace of your branch, as Kingdom Preceptress of the College of Pages. the College of Pages is created for the members of the Society of Creative Anachronism which are between the ages of 11 and 17 (approximately). This newly created Kingdom Office is separate from the Pied Piper, which is for the younger ages. I am glad to say there is a new Kingdom Pied Piper, HL Katerina von Salza, a wonderful lady with many years of experience: I understand she has many ideas and plans for the children within her program. I am grateful that she and I will be working together, in our respective duties, to try and make the SCA an enjoyable experience for the children of An Tir.

I am in the process of developing and putting together the foundation, framework, and guts of a program that (I hope) will be fun, educational and rewarding for the good gentles of all ages within the Kingdom of An Tir. In the College of Pages, I will be answering the need for organized, FUN learning activities at events; to create a system of help the participants to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves, regardless of the obstacles they might face. I will be writing and making available handbooks for leaders, participants and informational brochures for parents, guardians and other interested persons; and of course, all the forms and the like that always seem to be a part of such endeavors. It will be a long arduous process where the writing will only be a small part; there is the process of reviewing, rewriting and forwarding for approval on many levels. As I begin my efforts in this office, I have been encouraged and awed by the support and help I have already received. I have only hopes to have a draft by the end of summer. But I will have ideas for activities to share, as time goes on; and as the needs of the young gentles are brought forth.

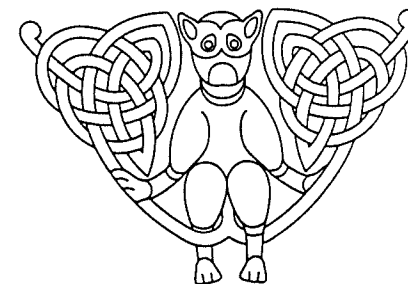
Given that the College of Pages is a new office, I will be creating job descriptions and report schedules for Branch and Regional positions, and hopefully begin accepting applications in the near future. Any information regarding the younger ages should be sent to HL Katerina von Salsa, and you can reach her at (509) 854-2755 or email: kmcalex@destiny.esd105.wednet.edu to find out how and what she wants to know.

I am ever at your service, please contact me if you have any questions regarding my request for the report of letter; or if you have anything I might find useful.

In Service to the Kingdom of An Tir,

Lady Giacinta da Venezia
Preceptress of the College of Pages
Kingdom of An Tir
% Gia Gavino-Gattshall
8416 Monte Cristo Drive
Everett, WA 98208

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SAXON TAVERN

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 1997
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: Capilano Community League Hall
 10810 - 54 Street

Come one, come all to the Saracen's Head tavern! Eat, drink and be merry, quickly now before the Normans come and take it all. There will be stout ale (and pale ale for you other folk), fine cider, and hardy food to eat. If we get enough entries there may even be a populace judged brewing contest. A free drink to the first person who knows the password, and a free meal for the good gentle who will give the proprietor a ride home.

Come dressed in your tackiest Errol Flynn Robin Hood tights, or your most elegant Maid Marion ensemble. Join us in dancing, drinking, tell a story or two if you wish, just come and enjoy. The troll has been slain and will demand no tax from you to cross the threshold (And neither will the Normans.)

Your friendly neighbourhood Saxon,
 AElthelstan

SAFE HAVEN TAVERN NIGHT

Date: Friday, June 13, 1997
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Safe Haven (Stone Wolf)

If thou dares to venture out on Friday the 13th please come and join us a Safe Haven, home of Siren's Fury for an evening of song, tails and intrigue. A roaring bonfire will keep the travelling phantasms at bay while we all try our hand at bardic pursuits! The great story telling contest between Roland and Marcus will take place this evening as well. Fair is pot luck, BYOB (bring your own brew). Relax and have fun.



The Role of the Berserker in Viking Society

SUBMITTED BY:

HL Freydis the Far-Travelled (Tracy-Lynn Jarratt)
 With permission from Gunnora Hallakarva

Installment 3 of 3

Other ritual practices attributed to berserks may represent the initiation of the young warrior into a band of berserkers. such bands are mentioned in the sagas, oftentimes numbering twelve warriors. Another common feature of these bands is the name of the leaser, which is often Bjorn or a variant, meaning bear. The form of this initiation is a battle, either real or simulated, with a bear or other fearsome adversary. Grettirs Saga tells of a situation of this sort, when a man named Bjorn throws Grettir's cloak into the den of a bear. Grettir slays the bear, recovers his cloak, and returns with the bear's paw as a token of his victory (fox and Palsson, pp 62 - 67). Bodvar Bjarki has a protege, Hjalti, who undergoes a simulated encounter as his initiation in Hrolf's Saga. Bodvar first slays a dragon-like beast, then sets its skin up on a frame. Hjalti then "attacks" the beast and symbolically kills it before witnesses, earning his place among the warriors (Jones, pp 282 - 285). Bronze helmet plates from locations in Sweden and designs upon the Sutton Hoo pyre lid seem to show examples of these initiatory encounters, where a human figure is seen grappling with one, or after two, bear-like animals (Margaret A. Arent. "The Heroic Pattern: Old German Helmets, Beowulf, and Grettis Saga", "In Old Norse Literature and Mythology", 1969, pp133 - 139).

The physical appearance of the berserk was one calculated to present an image of terror. Dumezil draws parallels between the berserk and the tribe of Harii mentioned in Tacitus's Germania who used not only "natural ferocity" but also died their bodies to cause panic and terror in their enemies, just as the berserk combined his fearsome reputation with animal skin dress to suggest the terrifying metamorphosis of the shape changer. Indeed, berserkers had much in common with those thought to be werewolves. Ulf, a retired berserker, is mentioned in this light in Egils Saga Skallagrimsonar:

But every day, as it drew towards evening, he would grow so ill-tempered that no-one could speak to him, and it wasn't long before he would go to bed. There was talk about his being a shape-changer, and people called him Kveld-Ulf (Evening Wolf) (Palsson and Edwards, Egil's Saga, p. 21).





AVACAL CORONET June 7, 1997



Dates: June 6 - 8, 1997

Time: The site will open at 5 p.m. on Friday June 6,
and will close at 5 p.m. on Sunday June 8.

Location: Shire of Loch Dorr
at The Lake of Gold

Cost: Site fee is \$12.00 for 13 and over, \$6.00 for 6 - 12
and free for 5 and under
Feast fee is \$12.00 for 13 and over, \$6.00 for 6 - 12
and free for 5 and under

The Shire of Loch Dorr invites you to Avacal's third Coronet Tourney on the shores of our beautiful "Lake of Gold".

This discreetly wet site is Pilot Bay Resort in Kootenay Bay, which provides tent and RV camping with water and power, Free hot showers, seven flush garderobes, two (2) hot tubs, laundry and convenience store. There is a small enclosed beach suitable for children. **Pets, although strongly discouraged, must be on a leash at all times. No exceptions.**

Merchants, minstrels, tinkers, and travelling vendors are welcome.
No merchants tax in Loch Dorr!

Kate & Ellen's Kitchen has agreed to work their magic and prepare a Princely feast. Please Note: The Feast Hall is sadly limited to 120 person capacity. Seating cannot be guaranteed unless you register early with the Autocrat. Don't be disappointed at the door. All reservations or payments must be received by June 2nd.

Directions

From West: take best route to Nelson & Balfour, then take ferry to Kootenay Bay.

Information & Reservations: Autocrat Thuirgaid of the Mysts, (205) 227-9205, or write Joseph Bechal, P.O. Box 133, Crawford Bay, B.C., V0B 1E0



PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION

These are the final installements of Kamakura, Japan and the Berserker in Scandinavian Society. I hope you enjoyed them.

Kamakura, Japan (792 a.d. - 1333 a.d.)

SUBMITTED BY:
Nicolaus of Exeter (Kurt Foge)
Stationed on the USS Independence CV-62

Installment 3 of 3

Yoritomo was thrown from his horse and died without any arrangements for a successor drawn out in 1199. The Bakufu was in danger of disintegrating but was saved by Yoritomo's wife, Massako. She was a member of the Hojo family and was very strong willed. When she thought her husband was cheating on her she had the woman's house burned down. When her husband had her son-in-law executed she forced Yoritomo to execute the executioner. Upon Yoritomo's death Masako shaved her head, became a nun, and earned herself the nickname "Ama Shogun" (nun Shogun) because she remained in political power and was the Bakufu through the transition to a new Shogun.

After Yoritomo's death many new shoguns reigned and were assassinated in quick succession usually by other family members. Because of this Masako had her own Hojo family take over the job of political administrator but did not take the title of Shogun. The office of Shogun from then on was held by an incompetent youth. The political administrator head the rank of "shikken" (regent to the Shogun or regent). A complete new system now governed Japan. The emperor in Kyoto allegedly ruled Japan but he had to do what the Shogun ordered (the Shogun officially did the will of the emperor). The Shogun was allegedly in charge of the Bakufu but he had to do what the regent (shikken) said (the regent officially did the will of the Shogun). This system actually worked!

In 1221 a former emperor tried to regain imperial rights but was defeated by Kamakura troops in the Jokyu war and the Hojo family stationed deputies in Kyoto to run the city and make sure no other rebellions occurred. The Hojo rulers greatly patronized religion and culture and invited great Chinese monks to settle in Kamakura to help establish it as a centre of Zen Buddhism. In 1274 and 1281 the Mongols attempted to invade Japan by attacking Hakata located in Kyushu. They were unsuccessful because of Typhoons (called kamikaze meaning "divine winds"). Military defenses were maintained in Hakata until Kublai Khan (ruler of the Mongols) died in 1294. The cost of these defenses and the initial attacks prevented the Bakufu from giving the troops involved booty and land which caused unrest. By 1311 Hojo leadership was poor and the regents were more interested in art and dog fighting than running the country. Meanwhile in Kyoto, emperor Go-Daigo tried to rise against the Bakufu, failed, was banished, escaped, and tried to revolt again; this time successfully. His victory was due to Ashikaga Taka



who was in charge of the army sent to Kyoto to stop Go-Daigo. Takauji switched side and helped the emperor take over Kamakura in 1333. Many of successfully. His victory was due to Ashikaga Takauji the Hojo family including the regent committed suicide thus ending the Kamakura period of Japan. As for the city itself, it remained of minor importance for a while as the government headquarters for eastern Japan until this job was taken over by Odawara; a place a few miles south of the defunct capital. After that Kamakura returned to its original state, a small forgotten fishing village.

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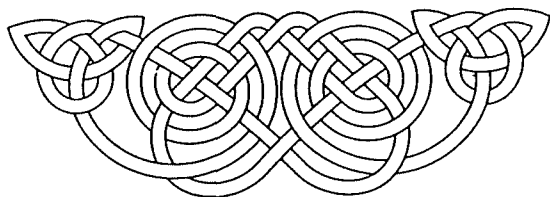
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From the Mistress of the Lists:

Unto the spectators of tournaments, "Help!!!" I have found in the last year that running a tournmanet is much more than a one person job. I am looking for a deputy that is willing to organize and do the physical running of the tournaments. I will still handle the paperwork and the fighter authorization cards. If you are interested in being the Tournament Deputy of lists please contact me either by e-mail at kdysl18@sk.sympatico.ca or by snailmail Box 1442, Kindersley, SK, S0L 1S0, or by phone (306) 463-6554 or talk to me at Coronet Tourney in Loch Dorr.

Unto the Senior Marshalls of all varieties. This is a reminder that all authorizations and marshal promotions paperwork goes through me. I will advise the appropriate people at Principality and Kingdom levels. If you need forms please contact me.

Thank you for your time and effort.
In service to the dream,
Roxanne

THE GAMES WE PLAY

PRISONER'S BASE

By: Gerhard Kendal
(An outdoor chase game.)

Version 1

Two teams. Each team holds hands and stretches out from their base. The end player on team A runs, chased by the end player on team B, who in turn is chased by the new end player on team A, who in turn is chased by the new end player on team B and so forth. When one player is caught, a point is scored and the whole process begins again.

Version 2

Runners are sent from their home base in the same order, with each player chasing only one person from the opposing team. When a player is caught, he goes to the enemy prison, and stays until tagged by a teammate. The catcher has to get back to his home base safely and wait until the other team has a player on its home base, then he runs out again to be chased by the other player. Prisoners can be freed by tagging by any friendly player. In some versions, the prisoners must stay within the prison; in other versions they can stretch toward their home base by one player staying inside. The game is decided by points, time or exhaustion.



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If you have registered for wheel spinning or inkle loom weaving and can bring either of those items please let us know.

Please make out cheque to the University of Ithra.

Mail to:

Black Sheep Guild
c/o HL Alyne of Kendal
11005 - 80 Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T6G 0R2

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OR: register by E-mail at lgottesf@gpu.srv.ualberta, ca
and forward payment to the above address.



DRAGONSLAYER



June 21, 1997

Dates: June 21, 1997

Time: The Battle: 11:00 - 12:00 noon
The Feast: 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Battlefield
Temple Green Community Hall
167 Templegreen Rd. N.E.
Calgary, ALberta

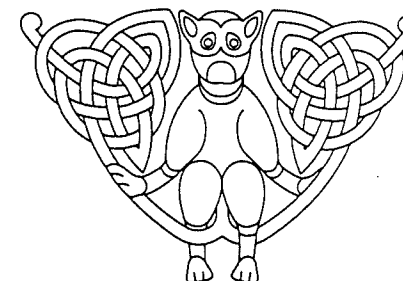
Cost:	Advance Feast Tickets	After the 14th
	16 years and up, \$12.00	\$15.00
	7 - 15 years, \$5.00	\$7.00
	6 and under, Free	
	Site only, \$5.00	

Attention citizens of Montengarde! A great dragon shall descend upon our Barony on June 21st - we know not where or why. We put out the call - we need a champion, not of weak heart or spirit - one whose strength lies deep within - to slay this heathen beast and protect our fair Barony from harm.

Gallant fighters, sharpen your rattan, polish your armour and come to fight for the honour of protecting your Barony!

We shall feast to all the brave souls who come to battle this day. A pig shall be roasted in their honour and shared among all (the dragon just wouldn't fit on the barbeque.)

Also on this day there shall be two other contests held. A seigeweapon contest and a heraldically decorated container contest. If you wish not to fight, but test your strength of mind instead, get in on the fun of these two contests!





DRAGONSLAYER SIEGEWEAPON CONTEST



There's no time like the present to get started on your entry for Montengarde's Dragonslayer Tourney Arts & Sciences contest. This year's contest will be for a SIEGEWEAPON.

The weapon must be at least theoretically capable of hurling a 2 lb "sheep" some distance. We will be testing your war machine for distance, accuracy, height, ingenuity, silliness and may even have a category for spectacular failures! This should be one of the most entertaining Arts & Sciences contests of the year, so start working on your entry now. "Sheep" will be available for testing for a rental fee of \$5.00. This fee is refundable if:

- A) the sheep is returned in usable condition to me on or before the event;
- B) if you arrive with an entry on the day.

Entrants will not only be refunded their fee but will be given their sheep as a souvenir of the efforts in our ongoing quest to use up remnants of fabric for silly purposes. Group entries are welcomed and encouraged!

BE A PART OF THE BEST CONTEST EVER

Sheep available from Morgan the Unknown, c/o Blue Castle Books, #8, 1941 Uxbridge Drive N.W., Calgary AB T2N 2V2. (Make cheques payable to "Barony of Montengarde"). Each sheep requires a deposit of \$5.00. No exceptions.

* Some documentation is required. We hope that the weapons will have some basis in medieval reality, however tenuous it may be.

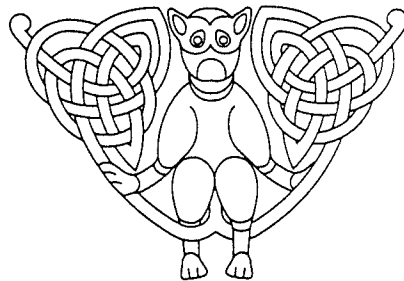
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Dymprar (Tracy Young)
#23 - 336 Rundehill Drive N.E.
Calgary, Alberta
T1Y 2Y2

(403) 280-8796

Tourneyocrat:

Con McCuhmal (Dave Fedor)



Warping and Weaving on a Four-Harness Loom

Instructor: Morgan the Unknown

This course will cover theory of loom weaving, drafting patterns, warping and weaving. Students must bring wool or cotton yarn to weave (suggested weight - medium for 5 tpi sett.) Cost: \$5.00 (5-6 hours)

Options (dependant on enrolment)

Period Knitting

Instructor: Nan Compton

Knitting is Period. Participants will learn basics of knitting for period items. Participants must provide yarn. Cost \$2.00

Introduction of Nalebinding

Instructor: Freydis the Far-Traveller

Nalebinding is a form of needle-made netting which was used by Vikings and other northern peoples. Participants will have a chance to try nalebinding and learn the basic technique. Students must provide lightweight fingering yarn and a large-eyed blunt darning needle. Cost \$1.00

Documentation of Fibre Arts

Instructor: Nan Compton or Lady Julianna

This class will cover sources and methods of documenting fibre arts for SCA competitions. Cost \$1.00.

In addition to the site fee and the fees for the courses, coffee and tea and bread and cheese will be provided on site. There will be a potluck Saturday night. If persons travelling to the event cannot contribute to the potluck, they can pay a \$6.00 fee instead to help cover food costs. This will be a working weekend. Please plan to help with set-up, clean-up or food preparation in addition to the courses you register for. Billeting is available.

To register, and for further information, please contact HL Alyne of Kendal at 11005 - 80 Avenue, Edmonton, Ab T6G 0R2, E-mail lgottesf@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca, Phone or FAX (with prior warning) (403) 432-0689 or HL Julianna: E-mail dryan@telusplanet.net, Phone (403) 449-6834

Pre-registration by July 1 is recommended. Early registration will help ensure your place in the courses of your choice, and will help us plan appropriately. If you pre-register and you cannot attend, please let us know and any fees paid will be refunded.

Course Descriptions

Fibre Preparation:

Instructors: Freydis the Far-Travelled and Eleanora Fitzjohn

Participants will become familiar with preparation of fleece. No equipment required, but if you have cards, please bring them. Cost: \$5.00, includes fleece which can be used for spinning and dyeing classes. (2 hours)

Drop Spindle Spinning

Instructor: Erna Kajadottir

Participants will learn to spin wool with a drop spindle. Spindles will be available, but if you have one, bring it. Cost \$3.00 (2 hours)

Wheel Spinning

Instructor: Nan Compton:

Participants will learn basics of wheel spinning using prepared roving (provided). Enrolment limited to the number of wheels accessible. Cost : \$5.00 (2 hours)

Card Weaving

Instructor: Enid Ferch Rhodri

Participants will learn the basics of card-weaving. Cost: \$7.50 (4 hours)

Inkle Loom Weaving

Instructor: Jehnne

Participants will learn the basics of pattern drafting and warping the Inkle Loom and participate in some weaving. If you have a loom please bring it. Cost: \$3.00 (2 hours)

Dyeing Animal Fibres With Natural Dyes

Instructor: Alyne of Kendal

Part 1: theory, mordanting, preparation of dyebaths for part 2

Part 2: practical dyeing using five different dyebaths. Cost \$8.50 Students provide five 1-2 oz skeins of wool or silk yarn, 5 hanks of fleece or 5 swatches wool or silk) (5-6 hours)



AVACAL - QUAD WAR



Dates: June 26 - 29, 1997
Time: The site will open at 13:00 hours on Friday June 26
Cost: Site fee is \$6.00 for 18 + and \$3.00 for 13 - 17

My Lords and Ladies spring is upon us (although its hard to tell in this northern climate) and a Nobles mind drifts to seasonal pursuits. Planting of crops, birthing of animals and all the mundane chores that were put off in the winter months. Soon they will be done and the real passion is felt.....! War!; yes it is that season that will soon be upon us and to seal the war season Borealis invites on and all to Quad War. See it, be part of it (no native battles only) 4 armys on the field slugging it out to see who can have the most fun.

The site has been moved from the previous years. From the west travel aprox 6 - 9 km past the SK/AB border, you will be turning North (left) at the very obvious sign. the site is raw (no running water or washrooms) porta castles and a water tank will be available.

Site rules:

No open fires except in free standing recepticals other than the bardic circle. Enjoy yourself and respect the quiet zone. All other standard SCA camping rules apply.

Two of every battle type is going to go into a helm and the Baronesses (not on the field) and ladies will draw the next battle to keep the variety and fun going.

Some of the battles on the list presently are Field, Bridge, Boat, Crossroads, Hill, Bush, Town and possibly a maze. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

A note for all Lights....missile combat will take place every battle if the weapon you use does not require screening. Weapons requiring screening will be every second give or take the occasional exception. Heavy target rules apply for missiles as well. As per ABC's for your own safety "any light trapped within 10' of heavy fighting is to go down as if they are dead and call Hold". Lights are not to get within 10' of heavy fighting.

A note for Heavy's..... War rules: if you don't understand, please talk with you local MOS. Watch for lights they are trying to have fun to.

A note for all, nothing is cast in stone, except saftey so come out and have fun we are always flexible.

As well there is a scavanger hunt planned plus some on site contests, if you wish to sponsor a contest please feel free to contact me. For any more information call Alfheim (Stewart) (403) 594-1083 or E-mail ghiar@sas.ab.ca



ARMOURING 101



(Direct quote from "The Known World Handbook" 20th Year Edition, pp. 177)

"Armor:

Helms:

a. Helms shall be constructed of steel of no less than 16 gauge, or of equivalent material. Be aware that steel of less than .0625" (1/16 or 1.6 mm) is too thin, even if it is sold as 16 gauge. (Note also that the mass of the helm is an important part of the protection. Beware on titanium, fiberglass, or other ultra-light materials.)

b. All joints or seams shall be constructed in one or a combination of the following ways:

- Welded on inside and outside.
- Welded with a single bead that extends through both surfaces.
- Lap joints welded or brazed at the edges of both pieces.
- Riveted with iron or steel rivets no more than 2 1/2" (63.5mm) apart, or with equivalent riveting techniques.
- Welds must be sound and rivets secure.

c. Face guards shall prevent a 1" (25.4mm) diameter dowel from entering any facial opening.

d. The face guard shall extend at least 1" (25mm) below the bottom of the chin and jaw line when the head is held erect.

e. Bars used in the face guard shall be steel of not less than 3/16" (4.8 mm) diameter, or equivalent. If the span between cross-bars is less than 2", 1/8" diameter bars may be used. (Note - 1/8" bars banned, late 1986.)

f. All visors shall be attached and secured in such a way that there is minimal chance that they will become detached or come open in normal use.

g. There shall be no major internal projections; minor projections of necessary structural components shall be padded. All metal shall be free from sharp edges. Face guard bars or mesh should not attach to the interior of the helm, unless of structurally superior design and workmanship.

h. All parts of the helm that might come into contact with the wearer's head shall be padded with a minimum of 1/2" (13 mm) of resilient or closed-cell foam, or the equivalent, or shall be suspended in such a way as to prevent injurious contact with the wearer. Similarly, parts of the helm which might come into contact with the wear's neck or body should be padded.

i. All helms shall be equipped with a chin strap or other means of preventing the helm from being dislodged during combat. An equivalent might be, for example, a strap from helm to breast plate. A "snug fit" is not an equivalent. the chin strap should not be so thin or so placed that it will tend to strangle the wearer."



FIBRE ARTS ITHRA



Dates: July 12 - 13, 1997

Times: Courses will be running daily beginning at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. with a pot luck/social on Saturday July 12 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: (TBA)

Cost: Site fee is \$5-7 per day dependent on venue

Schedule

Saturday July 12, 1997

Course	Time	Availability
Fibre Preparation	10 - 12 noon	10 - 12 people
Drop Spindle Spinning	10 - 12 noon	5 people
Wheel Spinning	1 - 3 p.m.	5 people
Card Weaving	1 - 5 p.m.	5 people
Inkle Loom Weaving	3 - 5 p.m.	5 people
Options		
drop spinning practice	3 - 5 p.m.	
wheel spinning practice	3 - 5 p.m.	
silk/flax spinning demo	3 - 5 p.m.	
Dyeing, theory/introduction part 1	5 - 6 p.m.	6+
people		
Cleanup	6 - 6:30 p.m.	

Sunday, July 13, 1997

Course	Time	Availability
Dyeing Part 2	10 - 12 noon	6 people
Loom Weaving Part 1	10 - 12 noon	6 people
Dyeing cont.	1 - 4:30 p.m.	6 people
Loom Weaving con't	1 - 4:30 p.m.	6 people
Options		
knitting		
documentation		
nalebinding		
card weaving part 2		
Clean up	4:30	