

*A thought for April*

"Keep true to the dreams of thy youth."

*Johann von Schiller*

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BARONY OF  
BOREALIS

## Our message to the populace:

Greetings unto the most Noble Barony in the Knowne World!

The time has come for our last address to the populace as your Baron and Baroness. It has been great fun, even though it was also a lot of work. There are so many people in Borealis who help make this society run and grow, and we would like to thank all of you who care enough about the game to sacrifice of yourselves though your time and effort.

Special thanks are in order at this time.

To our retinue: Hrolf, Morgan, Therin, Fessic, Derek, Igraine, Marlyse, Kirstin, Rhowyn; you have served Us well, and helped ensure our days ran smoothly. You were always there whenever we needed anything! To our Serjeantry: John, Mordecai, Derek (recently retired), Conal, Marcus, Cennet, Joan, and Ulf; most of you have worked hard to assist us whenever needed, with retinue duties, serving, promoting serjeantry and the Barony; We hope you shall continue to give of yourselves and be good, well respected leaders in Borealis, Avacal and beyond.

To our officers: Thank you for the hard work and dedication you have given to your office. Your work often goes unnoticed, but it is to your credit there have been few problems for us to deal with. And a special thanks to Gwynnaeth: we can't thank you enough for being a super seneschal, ultra organized, approachable, and easy to work with. Your excellence has made our job much easier. Also, to our chroniclers, present and past: we thank you for the intense effort you put into the newsletter each month, giving of yourselves to provide entertainment and knowledge to our populace.

To our scribes: Kirstin, Rosoin and John; great job! You have put in countless hours to help us recognize those in our Barony who are most deserving!

To those that have served as Champions: Thanks. Your efforts have helped Borealis become strong and vibrant.

## FROM THE CHRONICLER

*There was seen in the last days of March a lovely mist that hid my view of the river and my valley at Devonview. The ground (where the snow has melted) and the trees were wet with this mist. The air was silent and still; and I felt shrouded and protected from all the evils of the world. I have no doubt now that there is the place called Avalon; just there, beyond our fingertips but not beyond our dreams.*

*As I rose this morning, my eyes were met by yet another face of nature. I looked out across the fields towards the horses. My land was now covered in a pure white mantle of newly fallen snow. Then the sun broke through the clouds and my world was glittering. What joys will our eyes see in the month of April AFAKJF. We shall wait and see. I believe we will see the tears of sorrow from fond farewells, the tears of joy from new beginnings and a people brought closer through both good times and war.*

*I welcome to the volunteer staff of the Aurora two new people. Our Research Assistant is Nenerh, and our new Assistant Editor is Lady Julanna. The office of Chronicler is more fun when many hands help to create this newsletter.*

*Thank you to the Herald's Desk for the articles sent in. They are both informative and fun and give some body to this publication.*

*I bid farewell to Baron Alfheim and Baroness Adelaire. On April 18<sup>th</sup> they will entrust our Barony to new hands. With joy I welcome to John Macleod the Black and Kirstin MacBheathas they step up into the Baronial office.*

*Hope the month treats all well and keep active and have fun.*

*In Your Service,  
and that of the dream,*

*Lady Morgan of Devonview*



## Barony of Borealis Events

**Spring Faire**  
**April 17, 1999**

The Barony of Borealis wishes to invite you to Spring Faire, to be held in the canton of Veraquilon on April 17, 1999. Join Their Royal Majesties, Aveloc and Laurellen, Their Highnesses Shamus and Esperanza and our Baronial populace in witnessing the investiture of a new Baron and Baroness, John Macleod the Black and Kirstin Macbeath.

The annual Baronial Arts & Sciences Competition will be a triathlon style event. Also being held is a Rapier Prize Tourney. Our heavy fighters are not left out, as they have armouring classes. A&S courses will be held (rattan sword, rules of fighting, helmet liners, card weaving, intro to SCA, footwear, headgear, embroidery are a few being prepared).

Merchants are welcome (fees are being waived). Please call for reservations early.

A detailed schedule of times will be published upon approval of Their Royal Majesties.

Courts will be held throughout Saturday.

- 10am – Hall Opens
- 11am – Rapier Inspection and A&S Submissions
- 12pm – Rapier Tourney Begins
- 1-3pm – Tavern Style Lunch Available (nominal cost)

Cost: Off Board \$5.00  
On Board \$15.00 14 and over  
\$ 5.00 6 to 13  
Free for under 6

Directions: Steele Heights Community League Hall 5825 - 140 Ave, Edmonton, AB. Using your best route to Hwy 16 (Yellowhead Hwy), turn North on 66 St, turn right on 140 Ave (follow the signs after that).

**May 14,15,16**

**Irish/Scottish Pillage Practice and Spring Tea**

The shire of Sigelehundas and the " Lost Squires" bring you Irish/Scottish Pillage Practice and Spring Tea (formerly known as Danish/Friesan) The spring tea will be making it's triumphant return this year as well as all the rattan you can eat. There will be contests, prizes, and much revelry. The site is ( as usual) Camp Gillwell in Sunny southern Saskatchewan.  
There will be a small brunch Sunday.

This is a camping event so bring your tents (and long undies, just in case) there are also cabins available to crash in as well as the main hall. Please book early as space can get a little crowded. There will also be the annual Homme Pilgrimage up mount Homme so bring some good shoes (or not if you o choose) Fee is a measly \$12 Canadian (includes brunch)

Directions: Make your best way to Fort Quapelle Saskatchewan, there will be signs the rest of the way.  
( better directions will be found on our web page closer to the event date)

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## OTHER EVENTS

### Phillip & Manuel's Dockside Grog House

My Lords & Ladies, there is a sickness ravaging the landscape of Avacal. This sickness is called Boredom. We have traveled far and wide across all the known world in search of the cure for this hideous ailment. We found it in a small coastal town on the far edge of the world. You can imagine our surprise when we discovered the cure was a little known thing called fun. You will be happy to know that we have found a way to bottle this magnificent cure, and to bring it home to you.

If you have found yourself suffering from such a complaint, then look no further than "Phillip & Manuel's Dockside Grog House". We guarantee that there will be enough fun going around to help everyone. So bring your drinking face, and your party hat.

Everything starts at about (this being a rough estimate) 1:00 in the afternoon, with heavy fighting. The bar (the main thing) opens at about 6:00PM. We herein make it known that bribery to open the bar early is not only *not* frowned upon, but also highly encouraged. There will be light fare available at the bar for a mere pittance.

There will be prize tournaments in Tablero as well as Hunker Down. The grandest and most important event of the evening will be the triumphant return of the Green Edward. For those of you who don't know, the Green Edward contest is a test of skill, courtesy, and above all else, chivalry. This was a challenge that was long practiced since the days of Shirehood in Montengarde. The Green Edward tested King (yes a real live king of An Tir) and commoner alike, it involves many tests of skill, patience and courage. Obviously this takes place over much of the evening. All times for events and tournaments will be posted inside.

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Please don't call after 9:00PM MST as we will proceed to get surly. It all takes place on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Calgary, AB at the Bowness Ratepayers Scout Hall. The address is 8551 Bowness Rd. NW, some of you may remember this as the Scout Hall where Montengarde Fighter practice was for many years.

**Directions:** From the East of the city take Hwy 1 (16<sup>th</sup> Ave NW) all the way to the west edge of the city. There will be a set of lights at Bowfort Rd NW, Canada Olympic Park will be on your left hand side. Take a right (north) on Bowfort and follow it down a hill which will curve to the right at the bottom of the hill, you will now be on 83<sup>rd</sup> St NW. Take that to the four way stop, that is Bowness Rd NW, hand a left and follow it about a block and a half, the hall is on the left (south) side of the road before the curve to the right. From the North or South of the city take Hwy 2 (Deerfoot Tr.) to the 16<sup>th</sup> Ave exit, turn west. Proceed with the above directions.

#### Disclaimer

There will be absolutely no admittance to nobles, white belts, and especially Tin Hats!

Please contact the autocrat for feast reservations and crash space by April 10, 1999.

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Below is the confirmed A&S classes to be held, and the lunch menu being prepared, during Spring Faire. Registration in any of the following is requested in order that food and instructors meet their students needs.

Lunchocrat - Eleanora FitzAllen  
Beef Stew or Roast Chicken with Leeks  
and Bread, Cheese, and Sweets \$4  
Pop or Juice \$1  
Time 11:30 - 1:30

Helmet Liners - Leora Hayhurst the Swiss Wanderer  
Bring 1" open cell foam  
1/2" closed cell foam  
glue gun  
ruler / tape measure  
sharp scissors  
pen / pencil  
Time 11:00 - 2:00

Archery - Michael O'Byrne and Dalton Arundel  
Avacal Principality Light Champion and Montengarde Archery Champion will be instructing a class on basic skills for target and combat archery. They will be discussing various equipment involved in each type of archery as well as tips for better shooting. Please feel free to bring any equipment you may have. Time 11:00 - 5:00 (class paused for court)

Card Weaving - Morgan of Devonview  
How to weave with cards. Cards will be supplied to participants in order to complete their creations (some creations take more time than others will) at their leisure. If you have any yarn, please take it along (no yarn? please submit a request). Time 11:00 - 2:00

Period Footwear - Bronwyn the Mischievous  
What is your persona wearing on their feet? Would you like to complete your garb? Garb is not complete without the proper footwear. Attending this well researched class will add more character to your persona and add more ambiance to gatherings. Please bring an old pair of heavy socks.

Time 11:30 - 5:00 (class paused for court)