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A thought for January

"Here, the past becomes the present,"

Daphne du Maurier

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BARONY OF
BOREALIS

**BOREALIS BARONIAL CALENDARS
(STANDING)**

Canton of Stonewolf

(Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Area)

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Fighter: Mondays, Heavy and Rapier at 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Arts and Sciences: Cloaking Bee – Saturday, January 23, 1999
\$10.00 Lunch and sewing, 12 – 5 p.m., Westridge
WolfWillow Community League: Contact
Morgan of Devonview 487-1795 for registration
information.

Tavern Night: the first Wednesday of the month, 8:30 p.m.

Activity Locations:

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95th Avenue and 86th Street

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Contact: Lady Gwynnaeth o Coedanue (Marsha Bremner, 478-1505)

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To all Ver Aquilon Heavy and Rapier combatants, please note the following:

It was once said; 'A wise fighter is prepared before battle [especially when travelling 12 hours] as a cooking pot will not pass inspection.'

1] To prepare for the upcoming season and to train new marshals we will be conducting inspections at the Monday night practices.

2] The month of January, 1999 will be devoted to off-body armor inspections. We will be checking welds and rivets on helms, meshing, fencing masks, body armor, distance between face bars, shields, weapons, etc. (please ensure helm padding is removable)

3] The month of February, 1999 will be devoted to on-body armor inspections.

4] If you wish to become a junior or senior marshal please attend. You only need to bring your copy of the ABC.

5] During these months we will also authorize fighters for the upcoming season [Winter War is not far away]. Be sure to have an understanding of "The Rules of Lists" and the ABC.

6] If you are a Light combatant and wish to have your equipment inspected please drop a line so we can arrange to have the necessary testing material on hand. [we will be doing this early in the new year]

7] If we miss you during these months, we will gladly inspect on another day!

Thank you
Edward Bolden, MoS for the Barony of Borealis.
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(Janet Muse 456-6542)

Stonewolf Alexandria Montgomery
(Nicole Rousseau)

AVACAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January to June 1999

What's on in January

January brings us Montengarde's annual 12th Night Celebration. This years will welcome their new Baron and Baroness. It will be held on the 23rd of January. Contact: Custance Featherstonehaugh (Christine Dauphinee) at (403) 280-2796.

What's on in February

Stonewolf welcomes all to the Feast of the Evergreens. It will be held on the 6th of February.

Here Ye, Here Ye, one and all, Valley Wold would like to invite the populace of An Tir to the crowning of our next Prince and Princess of Avacal, as well as the choosing of the new Bravo and Arts & Sciences Champions.

This is to take place on 27th February A.S.XXXIII in Moose Jaw, SK.

What's on in March

Once again we go to war. Winter war will be held on March 13/14 in Camrose. Come and fight those who would invade our lands. Event copy not in.

What's on in April

Spring Faire is being held in Veraquilon on the weekend of April 18. There will be our new Baron and Baroness will begin their rule this day, there will be a prize rapier tournament, A & S display and courses, great food and much much more. Event copy to be published in March issue.

What's on in June

WAR, again hear the cry to take up arms and protect our Barony. June 25-28 sees Quad War held within the borders of Borealis. Event copy not in.

GOT ANY GOOD IDEAS FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES, TAVERNS, OR WEEKEND EVENTS

- contact your new Canton Chatelaine, NINEVH (Sandra Dexter), OR your new Canton Seneschal, ASHA (Janet Muse, 456-6542). Let's make it happen together.

January 6th Tavern

In the Canton of Veraquilon

Come and rejoice on the 12th day of Christmas.

We are expecting all good gentles to attend the polling for a new Baron and Baroness. Merchants are invited to display their wares. The populace is also polled on the State of the Barony.

Celebrate the birth of the new year with your new Seneschal, Asha Delgejin. Being that this is also her and her lord's birth month, we have much to rejoice.

Evenings Activities:

- A Lord of Misrule will be chosen in the traditional fashion... look for the bean. This night will be the last court he will hold for the Yule season.
- There will be presented a traditional Mummers play...watch out for dragon droppings ☺
- Gaming is being planned (please feel free to bring any period games you may have). Look for the cloved oranges.☺
- Our belly-dancing troupe is expected.

Foods and other delights:

- Ale and cider will be cold. Tea will be hot. Wine will be mulled.
- Corned beef (period fair for the 12th day of Christmas celebrations), bun and cheese will be served. With Morgan's ginger cookies, and BIRTHDAY CAKE to finish up with.
- Plum pudding that may contain a wrapped bean will be served to Lords with their sight fee. The Lord who gets this bean will be our Lord of Misrule for the evening.
- A traditional fruitcake will be served to the ladies. I am told that for each piece eaten you will have a happy month.

February 3rd Tavern

In the Canton of Veraquilon

Come and listen to epic stories told by people who were there. Ask Mordecia to tell or sing about a war, an army and a pit. ☺ It's a good one.

This month's tavern is being run by Valgarde and Edwina. Experience great food, good drink and the wonderful company of Veraquilon.

ALL IN THE ASKING

There was heard a heated discussion among brave Knights, lords and pages about the epic "The Song of Roland".

A questions was asked in Challenge "What gate was leveled at the end of Carlon's war?"

Here, unto to you I give the answer from the work itself.

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The Paynims all are dead or fled in terror,
And Carlon's was is gloriously ended.
He lays the Gate of Saragossa level;
Right well he knows it will not be defended.
He takes the city and with his army enters;
That night they lie there, as victors in possession;
Proudly he goes, the silver-bearded Emperor.
All of her towers Queen Bramimond surrenders –
Her ten tall towers and fifty that are lesser.
Well speeds that man which hath God for his helper.

Thus ends my quest, set by you unknowingly; but set thus the same.

PH

HELP WANTED

Knights, Lords and Ladies who take up arms. You are in need of a Water Bearer for the coming tournament season.

This position has advertised for many months but has not been answered. It is now up to you.

Call together all that fight and chose from among your companions your Water Bearer. That person will then be responsible for ensuring your needs are met by either performing the service themselves or by appointing a contingent to act as bearers for each tournament.

When the choice has been made, please contact **Lady Gwynnaeth o Coedaneu (403) 478-1505** and give her the joyous news.

FROM THE CHRONICLER

More Changes

Rejoice, your voices are heard, your newsletter stays. Those who contribute thank you.

Now to other things.

Advertised offices have been filled, January 6 and 11, you are polled, you have filled out the state of the barony Questionnaire, now we must act.

What do you want to learn to do? Make a cloak, mead, armour, a woven belt, and a musical instrument. Learn to drum, sing, dance, spin, cook, etc.

Help to make your Barony interesting and fun. It's about more than just fighting. It's about teaching. Look at your work schedule and see where you might be able to fit in just one volunteer hour per month. Go out to a school, talk to your peers about something new you have tried or learned. Go a little further, run with it in fact. Brainstorm with your household about what you could do for a tavern or even go so far as to host a feast (small or large).

Get active, be part of a growing, infectious group of people. Get published, get noticed by giving of yourself.

*In Your Service,
Lady Morgan of Devonview*

Barony of Borealis Events

**EVERGREENS
FEBRUARY 6, 1999**

Stonewolf, (Cold Lake)

The Canton of Stonewolf invites one and all to attend the fun games battle for Evergreens Champion. This Event will be hosted at the same site as last year, the Cherry Grove Hall. Also held that weekend will be the battle for a new Baronial Rapier Champion.

Timings:

Saturday : Hall opens at 11 a.m.
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1p.m.(subject to change)

Cost : Feast - Child (0 -12) - Free
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Directions:

FROM THE WEST : Take your best route to Cold Lake. Turn off of Highway 28A onto Highway 55 towards Cherry Grove. Watch for signs.
FROM THE EAST : Take your best route to Pierceland. Once in Pierceland be sure to be on Highway 55 heading towards Cherry Grove. Watch for Signs.

Autocrat - Lady Aurora Kaspar (m.k.a Yvonne Peach)
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Cold Lake, AB T9M 2C2

Please Call Lady Aurora Kaspar for Feast Reservations and crash space (space is available at the hall Friday and Saturday nights) by January 30, 1999 to give the feastocrate and autocrat an accurate count for this event. We hope to see many of you to help us cheer on the combatants for the two championships.

L Aurora Kaspar
Baronial List Mistress

Events in Montengard

Montengard invites all to celebrate the mid winter at their annual Twelfth Night celebration. **January 23 and 24** is the chosen weekend to shake off the winter blahs with joyous revelry.

Their Excellencies welcome you to watch the choosing of their new Rapier Champion as well as a farewell to their outgoing Excellencies and welcome to their incoming Excellencies. Also join us for a heavy tourney, merchants, contests, dancing and Royalty! Come and join in the merriment with their most noble Majesties.

SOLD OUT

Reservations can be made in advance to Custance Featherstonehaugh (Christine Dauphinee) at (403) 280-2796.

The site is Throncliff Greenview Community Association, 5600 Centre St. N. Calgary AB.

Directions:

Take your best route to Calgary then:

- From the North: Deerfoot Tr. south to 64th Avenue west, left on Centre Street N. Hall is on the left.
- From the South: Deerfoot Tr. north to 64th Avenue west, left on Centre Street N. Hall is on the left.
- From the West: 16th Avenue east, left on Centre Street north. Hall is on the right.
- From the East: 16th Avenue west, right on Centre Street north. Hall is on the right.

Autocrats are Leifr StrmravenHalfdanarkin (Matt Atwell) and Madeileen de Rouns (Ronya Bollhorn).

Thoughts by Phil

I GET TO MAKE A CLOAK, I get to make a cloak...La la la laaaa!

Lets face it, December was quiet around here. Yes we had things to do with our familys for the Yule Season, but I missed doing something SCAish near by. I am glad January dosen't look to bleak.

Rumor has it, that there will be a sewing bee on the 23rd.

I am not able to go down to Montengarde that weekend. Lots of other people are not able to either. And it seems that some people all need cloaks to fend off the winter cold. So do I.

I found out who is putting it on. Its those belly dancing, gaming, cutless throwing, but fun group of "Ladys", who have been offered cruse trips into the B-Triangle (someone is hopeful), Bronwyn's bunch. Bronwyn is one of the lucky ones heading down to Montengarde so she won't be there but Asha and Morgan and about 4 others will.

For more info. I was told to call Morgan at 487-1795.

What kind of cloak do you think I'll come away with. Fur, but no cow hides.

In Your Service

Lady Phil af Herrford

Avacal Winter Investiture

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This is to take place on 27th February A.S.XXXIII at the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans hall (112 1st N.E.) Moose Jaw, SK. [Take Main Street to Manitoba Street, turn left. Take your first left onto 1st Street E. The hall is on your left-hand side. There is no parking in the ANA VETS parking lot, but there is lots of parking around the hall. There is NO charge for meter parking on the weekends.]

The site opens at 9:00 am. It would be greatly appreciated if all meetings required to take place before court be started by 10:00 am and be done by 11:30 am.

Proposed Time Schedule

10:00 am - 11:30 am	Meetings
11:30 am	Lists open / Armor Inspection
12:00 pm	Court
1:30 pm	Lists close /Final Armor Inspection
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Rapier Tournament /

Arts & Sciences Competition (This is subject to Their Highnesses approval.)

Feast Fees: \$15.00 if booked before 12 February 1999
\$20.00 if booked after 12 February 1999
Children (under 16) : \$0.50 per year of age
\$5.00 off-board

The feast will begin at 7:00 pm promptly.

Feast Schedule

7:00 pm	First Remove
7:45 pm	Second Remove
8:30 pm	Third Remove
9:00 pm	Court
9:30 pm	Fourth Remove available

A block of rooms has been reserved for the S.C.A. for the 26 & 27 February 1999 at the Heritage Inn, 1590 Main Street N. The rooms will be held until 12 February 1999. If you need crash space please inform the Autocrat when making your reservation.

Autocrat: Aleksandria Kat'ryna Calverleigh
(Sue Thomas: wyvern@dlewest.com)

Co-Autocrat: Percival Calverleigh
(Perry Thomas)

Feastocrats: Bridge & Treasiogh O'Gearth Weathm
(Teresa & Tracey North)

Greetings to the archers of Montengarde, Avacal, and anyone else planning to attend Twelfth Night in Montengarde on Jan. 23rd.

This is to let you know that although I was too late to get it posted in the event announcement, there will be archery at Twelfth Night. The site is the Calgary Archery Centre, Bay 1, 5905 11th St. SE. The tournament, the first annual "Ice Arrow" will be held from 10:00 am until noon with practice and instruction running the rest of the afternoon. Since it is a mundane site there is a cost of \$7.00. If you would like additional information you can contact me be phone at: 403-275-0338 (evenings) or by e-mail at: jmartin4@telusplanet.net . I am sorry for the late notice and I hope to see you there. Directions are below,
Dalton

Directions: From the North: Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail South) to Glenmore Trail West. * Glenmore Trail West to Blackfoot Trail North (the first exit). Blackfoot Trail North to 58th Ave SE (the first set of lights). Turn right onto 58th and follow it to the lights at the bottom (11th St. SE). Calgary Archery is on the right.

>From the South: Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail North) to Glenmore Trail West. Follow directions from * above.

>From the East and West: Highway 1 to Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail South). Deerfoot to Glenmore Trail West. Follow directions from * above.

Cloaking Bee
With Bronwyn's Bunch

Date: Saturday, January 23, 1999
Time: 12 – 5 p.m.
Location: Westridge Wolf Willow Community League
505 Wolf Willow Road
Cost: \$10.00

Join Bronwyn's Bunch for an afternoon of fun, lunch and sewing.

We are planning to make two styles of cloaks. The classic circle cloak and a folkwear cloak (circa pre 1846, Irish) that can be worn now in the Mundane world. So, bring your sewing machines, irons and boards, thread, scissors, lining and fabric(s) and plan to leave with a new garment.

Materials needed.

Circle cloak: Pattern from The Known World Handbook pp.41 - 45

Fabric preference for the cost conscious - non directional fabric(s)
6.5m of 150 cm material, double if using directional fabric; same yardage for lining

or 5 cut pieces of 91cm x166cm each fabric and lining.

Folkwear Cloak: Kinsale Cloak, Pattern #207

Fabric with nap at 115 cm wide – 4.95 m, at 150 cm wide – 3.20 m
No nap 115 cm wide – 4.35 m, at 150 cm wide 3.2m
Lining – 115 cm wide – 4.35, at 150 cm wide 2.98m
Extra notions hook and eye, interfacing 69 cm, seam tape 2.75m

Registration deadline: January 20th, 1999.

Contact Morgan of Devonview 487-1795 for registration information.

NON SCA FUNDRAISER

Millgrove School Council and Broxton Park School Council are presenting a medieval feast "The Feast of Fools" that will celebrate April Fools Day as it was celebrated during medieval times.

Travel with us through the middle ages and get ready for a medieval feast with merriment, singing, gaming and dancing that abound in this full audience participation, costumed extravaganza

This event is to raise money for both schools in an extra fun way.

Date: March 20, 1999
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10 30 p.m.
Location: Broxton Park School, Spruce Grove
Cost: \$32.00/person

Tickets are available from Ambriel or Morgan at 487-1795

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WAR

Rumor has it Bitterend and associates want a piece of Borealis (again). Rumour has it they are planning to invade our borders on March 13-14. Just in case the rumors are true, Lights, Heavies, a call to arms. **Defend the Barony of Borealis.**

This conflict (war) is to take place in the City of Camrose at the Camrose Drill Hall.

Hall opens at 10am, Saturday and closes 12 noon on Sunday. Camping is available in the hall. Breakfast on Sunday is do your own thing.

Armour inspection starts at 12.30pm.

Cost: \$15.00/weekend/per person
\$12.00/Saturday and feast/per person
\$ 6.00/day (excluding feast) per person
children 6 to 12 half price

Directions:

From the north (Edmonton) take Hwy 21 south to Hwy 26, turn left. In Camrose watch for sign for right turn off Hwy 26 about 4 or 5 stop lights in. You can also watch to turn at Hospital signs. Same turn as to drill hall.

From south take Hwy 2, turn off on Hwy 13 to Wetaskiwin, at north end of Wetaskiwin take Hwy 26 to Camrose, follow direction as above to drill hall

Autocrats: Mistress Joan the Just, HL Cennet ap Langollen (Joan and Ken Reader) *Please if you know for sure about staying for the feast call in reservations 780-986-6623

March 3rd Tavern In the Canton of Veraquilon

I have not received any copy for March's tavern, but I am sure that it will be filled with the wonderful people who live here in Veraquilon. Join us and experience great food, good drink and the good company.

ALL IN THE ASKING

Greetings unto the populace of Veraquilon, from Asha Delgejin.

As I am newly appointed to the position of Seneschal, the Aurora Chronicler asked me to submit a short expose on myself. Brace yourself for all the "exciting" details, and prepare to be tested in the near future.

I started with the SCA in June 95.

My first event was to camp with my family (we had never been camping before either). That is all it took for us to get hooked.

In the Barony of Runetallen, East Kingdom, I was soon involved in autocrating, costuming, belly dancing, and groaning board (and more camping). There I began to develop my SCA life.

My persona is Indian. Early 16th century. I traveled from northern India (to escape Mongolian rule) into Egypt (where I learned my dancing trade) and up to the North Country (with my husband, the ever-travelling merchant).

In the year since our move to Barony of Borealis, I have been attending events at several Baronies. I was the Gold Key Officer here for some months before accepting my current office of Canton Seneschal. You may find me at any local event and practice and I try to travel to as many outer events as my budget allows. I could be found by myself or with my children Elizabeth and Leon, even my husband, Garth, has been known to attend an event or two. I'm trying to meet as



Congratulations - Avacal.

Awards given out at 12th Night in Montengarde

KNIGHTS

Viscount Sir Gunther McManus
Murchad on vigil (to decide at Investiture)

LAURELS

Master John McLeod the Black,
Mistress Margaret of Newark Abbey

JAMBES/GOUTES

Constance Featherstonough's

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Just a reminder that the seating at Winter Investiture will be limited; reservations by the February 12th would be greatly appreciated.

Thank-you.

Alexandria Ekaterina Calverleigh
Autocrat

"Science & Technology in Medieval Islam"

By: Prof. Robert W. Smith, Chair of Dept. of history and Classics
At: Humanities Lecture Theatre 3, Univ of Alberta
: Wednesday, Feb 3, 1999. 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

This talk should be good and very useful for Muslim students; especially Science students, and also for non-Muslims who may or may not know our history in the development of sciences.

So, try to attend and encourage others. If there is a great deal of interest (i.e. a lot of people come), the prof. might organize a whole course on science and Islam.

Nishath Ghani
