

*To the Dream. To the West. Oertha Forever.*



# The Guardian

The newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

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## From the Prince and Princess of Oertha...

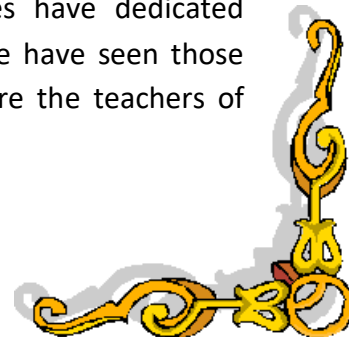
Unto the Principality of Oertha do We Duncan II and Violet II send warm greetings in these cold months. It has been an honor to once again serve the Principality of Oertha and the Kingdom of the West as Prince and Princess of Oertha. On the 20th Day of January AS LII We shall see who shall become the next Prince and Princess of Oertha. Their victory will be witnessed by Our King and Queen of the West, and Our sibling Princes from the Principality of the Mists! Honor shall lead Our Heirs to victory!

We have campaigned across the Knowne World to lands far and wide. The world knows the name of Oertha! His Highness was seen in Meridies while her Highness traveled to Artemisia's Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition as well as West 12th Night! We have seen Oertha go to war, and were always warmly welcomed because of the history you built before Us. Our Society knows Oertha, distance causes no lost memories.

We were welcomed to the Shire of Pavlok Garod and their event for the Russian New Year. Young Fighters have picked up the blade and proven themselves worthy opponents on the field. The next generation of Oerthan Defenders ferocious in training and tournament. Great times were had, and We look forward to Heirs in the future being able to visit the distant Shires within this great Principality.

Great Oertha would be little without the steadfast Baronies and Noble Baronial Heads that manage them. Those Nobles have dedicated themselves for years in the idea of the Dream. We have seen those baronies grow, and the Nobles with them. They are the teachers of

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Service through acts of sacrifice. Thank you all; for without you, these lands would certainly suffer.

We cannot be successful without the support of the populace. The people of Oertha have made our Reigns memorable. The Officers give more than most realize to keep this Dream alive. We thank them with all We can and always will know that their task is far more demanding than that of Royalty.

As We write these words We are reminded of Our own trials. We will most likely not see Our Heirs complete their reign. When We came to call Oertha and the West Our home, We knew Our time was limited. Despite Our efforts, We will be forced to move on. We do not know what new lands We will invade, but know that We will always be Oerthan, and the West will go with us to Our new home.

In Service to Oertha,  
In Service to the West,

Prince Duncan and Princess Violet



## Winter Coronet and Investiture

January 19-21, 2018  
Principality of Oertha

In the midst of winter's icy hold, Their Highnesses Duncan and Violet, Prince and Princess of Oertha, invite one and all to bear witness to the selection of Their Heirs by right of combat and Their Investiture the following day.

There will be a Roses Tourney for both heavy and rapier fighters after the Selection of the Heirs. There will be a potluck feast on Saturday for those who wish to participate. The Principality will be providing a protein dish.

Arts and Sciences! The Principality A&S Championship continues with the Performing Arts category, stories of courtly love. As with all entries in the A&S Championship, you should provide at least one 3"x5" card worth of documentation.

Additionally, the Oerthan Apothecary and Herbal Guild will be hosting a competition on the re-creation of a period pain and or surgical salve, recipe, or treatment. Documentation will be required, including a list of all ingredients. Trepanning will not be allowed.

**Site Information:** Willow Community Center, Willow Alaska (23625 W. Willow Community Center Circle)

Site is open from 6:00PM to 10:00 PM Friday, 8:30AM to 10:00PM Saturday, and 8:30AM to 5:00PM Sunday.

Site is dry.

**Site Fees:** \$20 (\$5 member discount) for adults. Under 18 is free Please make checks payable to SCA, Inc. - Principality of Oertha.

**Autocrats:** Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor (Claire Knudsen-Latta) and Skeggi Newcome (Sean Holland).

# Oerthan Winter Coronet and Investiture Schedule

## Friday

6:00 PM Site Opens  
 10:00 PM Site Closes

## Saturday

8:30 AM Site Opens  
 10:00 AM Opening Court and Invocation  
 11:00 AM Armor Inspections / Broken Arrow Inn Opens  
 12:00 PM Coronet Tournament  
 1:00 PM Broken Arrow Inn Closes  
 2:00 PM Roses  
 3:00 PM WK Needleworker's Guild Meeting / Chiv Council / Unbelt's Meeting  
 4:00 PM MoD Council / Company of St. Laurence Meeting (Cooks)  
 5:00 PM Evening Court  
 6:30 PM Potluck Dinner (Principality A&S during feast)  
 8:00 PM Bardic / Seneschal's Meeting / Plausibly Period Feast 2020 Q&A  
 10:00 PM Site Closes

## Sunday

8:30 AM Site Opens  
 9:00 AM Laurel's Council  
 10:00 AM Pelican's Council  
 11:00 AM Oertha Business Meeting / Arachne's Web Meeting  
 12:00 PM Investiture Court  
 4:00 PM Site Closes

*Schedule subject to change*

Please note that in some cases event copies have been shortened to fit in this publication in its printed format. For full event copies please check the Facebook groups and e-groups.

# Calendar

## January

January 5-7 12<sup>th</sup> Night  
*Kingdom of the West*

January 19-21 Winter Coronet  
*Principality of Oertha*

## February

February 17 Feast of Bacchus  
*Barony of Winter's Gate*

## March

March 17 Ides of March  
*Barony of Selviargard*

March 23-25 March Crown  
*Kingdom of the West*

March 24-25 Olio!  
*Barony of Winter's Gate*

## April

April 28-29 Fool's Revel  
*Barony of Winter's Gate*

## May

May 25-28 Fifteen Year Celebration  
*Barony of Selviargard*







Prinz Dunaan and Prinzessa Violet, newly crowned as Prince and Princess at Purgatorio. Photograph by Yama No Yuki.



Prinzessa Violet watches the tournament at the Fall Captaincy held in the Barony of Winter's Gate. Photograph by Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov.



Prinzessa Violet of Oertha newly crowned at Purgatorio. Self-portraiture.



Prinz Duncan walks onto the field at the Great Western War. Photograph by Arianwen Ferch Morgan.





Prinz Duncan learns that the wand chooses the wizard at the Barony of Eskalya's Samhein. Photograph by Parker Sampson.



Prinzessa Violet at Twelfth Night. Photograph by Joel Schonbrunn.



Prinz Duncan enjoys the Barony of Selviargard's Yule. Photograph by Ally of Selviargard.



The Prinz and Prinzessa hold court at the Barony of Winter's Gate Michaelmas. Photograph by Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov.

Since Purgatorio in August a lot has happened in our Principality and in the Kingdom of the West. Here are photographs of Their Highnesses from but a few of these events and activities that we participated in. Special thanks to the Oerthan History Guild and their members as well as independent photographers for preserving these wonderful memories.

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## Feast of Bacchus

February 17, 2018  
Barony of Winter's Gate

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A “bacchanalian” party or feast is marked by unrestrained revelry. The name recalls a Roman festival called Bacchanalia. As such, behold!! The Feast of Bacchus!!

Contests: The Feast will have whims revolving around a select few of the rites celebrated during Bacchanalia!  
Baron's Whim: His Excellency would like to see those musical folks playing a flute, a lute, or a lyre! Bring forth your musical prowess and let it be heard! Baroness' Whim: The rite of Anthesteria, essentially a drinking feast. Bring out your best wines and let Her Excellency be the judge! Bacchanalia Whim (to be judged by Her Excellency and the autocrat): The rite of the Oschophoria (“Carrying of the Grape Clusters”). Who can His Excellency make blush the most while feeding them a grape? A&S Contest: The rite of Lenaea, which included a festal procession and dramatic performances. Bring out your best acting skills! Autocrat's Whim: In paintings and carvings, Bacchus is often depicted eating a bunch of grapes and surrounded by satyrs. Recreate this in physical form!!

Dinner is a partial feast. A Meat dish and a dessert will be provided by the Barony. Please help to supplement this by bringing a dish that serves 6-8 to share (along with an ingredient list please).

**Site Information:** Alaska Land (Pioneer Park) Exhibit Hall (Airport Way and Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701).

Site opens at 10AM and closes at 10PM.

**Event Registration:** \$10 for adults (+ \$5 for adult non-members), \$5 for ages 6- 17, and 5 and under are free; \$30 family cap.

**Autocrat:** Elisheva bint Sitt al-Sirr (Sheva Rose)

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## Ides of March

March 17, 2018  
The Barony of Selviergard

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Celebrate the Ides of March in true Roman style with a Roman themed tournament, some favored Roman games, a Mediterranean themed potluck, and perhaps a bit of intrigue as well. Celebrants for the event will be given enough coins to participate in a variety of activities where you can bet on games and even the fighting if you so choose. As an added reward, a prize will be given to the person with the most denarii by the end of the event.

Make sure to dress in your best Roman clothing as the Empire's authorities will be out enforcing the Foreigner Tax. A prize will be given to the most “Best Dressed” Roman of the day.

Gladiators of the lands of Oertha, prepare yourselves! A Roman-themed tournament worthy of any gladiatorial arena will take place in which you will fight with daggers for glory and the amusement of the crowd—and some denarii to fatten your purse.

The Arts and Sciences Competition theme is “Roman” and may be of any suitable medium. A prize will be given for the winner of the Arts and Sciences competition as well as some coin to add to their purses. Documentation is encouraged.

There will be a potluck-style Mediterranean feast.

**Site information:** Fonteras Spanish Immersion School / 2315 N. Seward Meridian Parkway / Wasilla, AK 99654.

Site opens at 11AM and closes at 8PM.

**Event Registration:** Adults: \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members); ages 6-16 are \$5, children under 6 are FREE, and the family cap is \$30.

**Autocrats:** Sextus Valerius Cruscillus (Josh Sampson) and Ryutarou Komori (Keagan Bates)

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## Fifteen Year Celebration

May 25-28, 2018  
The Barony of Selviergard

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The Barony of Selviergard invites the known world to come and help celebrate the birthday of our Barony. We will have Tournaments for Heavy and Rapier fighters, Archery and Thrown Weapons competitions and a Siege Engine competition and lots of fun and games for all ages.

There will be contests in several categories, including the traditional Offensive Garb and Beer Maids of Selviergard obstacle course. How about Dragon feet races? There will be plenty to do over this three-day event.

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets and travel to the glorious land of Selviergard in the scenic lands of the Principality of Oertha.

Details will be provided each month so mark your calendars and prepare to attend an event like no other.

**Site information:** Ft. Wick / Talkeetna, AK 99676.

The site is a secluded farm in Talkeetna, Alaska with open fields, a gravel parking area, and range facilities.

**Event Registration:** Adults: \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members); ages 6-16 are \$5, children under 6 are FREE, and the family cap is \$30.

**Autocrat:** Fergus MacThomais (George Thompson)

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The next edition of The Guardian, the newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, will be published on April 15, 2018. The Chronicler is looking for stories, rhymes, research papers, and other items to add. Please contact the Chronicler if you would like to have something published. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2018.

Halfdan Ôzurrson, Principality Chronicler

## Oerthan Officers Seeking Deputies or Successors

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*(Deputy / Successor)*

**Exchequer**  
*(Successor)*

**Rapier Marshal**  
*(Successor)*

**List Minister**  
*(Deputy / Successor)*



Are you interested to learn more of the history of the Great Principality of Oertha? Do you have items from our past that you would like to share?

## Join the Oertha History Guild Today!

The Oertha History Guild is for people endeavoring to recover and preserve the glorious history of our Principality and all its Branches.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OerthaHistory/>

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*Long live the King and Queen of the West!*

*Long Live the Prince and Princess of Oertha!*



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