



The Guardian

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

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Greetings to the populace of Oertha,

As We write these words, We are a week away from the discovery of Our Heirs at Coronet Tourney. We also look forward to welcoming Her Majesty Ciar on Her first visit to Our fair lands, and to the Investiture of Our successors as the 75th Sovereigns of Oertha. Being your Prince and Princess has brought Us great joy, but it is time for us to retire to Our former estates in Selveirgard and Eskalya.

Every reign starts off with goals. The goal that meant the most to Us was visiting every active group in Oertha. We met this goal – and visited several branches that had not been visited for several years. We do intend to keep travelling to those branches on a regular basis and encourage all who have the means to do so to join Us on these excursions. Events in our smaller branches remind us all of where we began, and help those branches to grow in knowledge and in word-fame.

Another goal was to represent Oertha outside our Principality. The Oerthan banner was flown at Gulf Wars, where Our force was very small (but mighty), at Cynagua-Mists War, where Our force was larger, and at the An Tir-West War, where we actually had what Her Highness has begun referring to as the Oerthan Expeditionary Force. Her Highness was also able to represent the Principality at Spring Crown, Beltane Coronation, and Summer Crown – it's good to be retired. His Highness was able to attend Urslemas along with some Oerthan Fighters. His Highness attended An Tir-West War with a war contingent from Oertha and fought along side the Western Forces against their Foes. A Great time was had by all.

Her Highness was also able to meet a personal goal of representing Oertha on the rapier field during the first two battles at An Tir-West War – first time back on the field since Great Western War in 2018! Thanks to the Escort – both regular and irregular. (My Captain, an artisan, an attendant of the chamber, and several non-Oerthan friends rallied around to keep Us safe.)


We owe many thanks to the people of Oertha for all the support, from donating largesse to taking care of Us during Our travels to sending in recommendations for awards to joining Us at events. You have made Our reign a joy and a wonderful memory that We will treasure forever, and your participation keeps Oertha strong.

In service to the Principality and people of Oertha – always!

--- *Crucillus*, Princeps --- *Filis*, Principessa



Here Recognize Crucillus and Ellis, 74th Prince and Princess of Oertha
Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson photo editing by Sigurd of Eskalya



Oerthan Summer Coronet and Investiture July 14-16, 2023 The Principality of Oertha

Greetings to the Known World!
Their Highnesses, Crucillus and Eilis, invite you to come join Them as
They Observe with Much Joy and Excitement, the Coronet Tournament
to see who the Heirs will be.
Letters of Intend will be required for inclusion in the lists.

More info TBA as it becomes available.

Event Steward: **Ceara Der Alcan MKA: Jennifer Rynearson**

From out of state, your best airport to fly into is Ted Stevens Anchorage
International Airport (IATA Code: ANC)

Site Information:

[Alaska State Fair Grounds](#) Rebarchek Field, 2075 Glenn Hwy 99645 Palmer , AK

Start Time:

Site opens at 1:00 pm on Friday and closes at 4pm on Sunday.

Site Fee:

Adult Event Registration: \$25. Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$20.
Children/minors under 17: Free

Directions:

From Anchorage or south of there: Take the Glenn Hwy AK-1 north toward Palmer.
4.5 miles north of the Palmer cutoff, turn right on to Rebarchek Ave. and follow signs.

From north: Take the Parks Hwy (AK – 3) south toward Palmer. Take the AK-1 exit
toward Palmer/Glennallen, turn right on to Rebarchek Ave. and follow signs.

Watch for the signs pointing to the
correct entrance gate/parking lot.

Oertha Cooks' Playdate and Meet & Beat

Saturday July 29th, 2023
Palmer, Alaska

Period Food is Yummy! Come spend a day experimenting with period cooking and then enjoy the fruits of your labors! This event is modeled after the Cook's Play Date held at West/An Tir War. Bring recipes, ingredients, and supplies and cook over coals or experiment with dishes in a modern kitchen. Cook one dish or cook four! The day is all about experimenting, learning, and having fun with period cooking. An outdoor cook space with coals will be available as well as space in a modern kitchen. Some pipkins and other pots will be available. Bring what you have to share. For the non-cooks, come out and enjoy a day with friends.

And we didn't forget about the fighters! While the cooks are cooking, enjoy a Meet and Beat. Classes for both heavy and rapier fighters will be offered throughout the day. Stay tuned for details on classes and fighters that will be attending.

This is a relaxed event to share and enjoy each other's company. The day will end with samples of the cook's efforts shared with all. Because - Period Food is Yummy!

Please note: No dogs are allowed per our contract with the site owner. Limited parking is available directly behind the church and will be reserved for royalty and handicapped permits.

Here is the link about the site from the Alaska State Fair

website: <https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/facility-rental/colony-church/>

Terrain Description: Gravel Road behind building, level ground, building is ramp accessible, two accessible bathrooms Site is Wheelchair Accessible

Oertha Cooks' Playdate and Meet & Beat Continued

Event Steward: Clare Elena de Montfort (Kerri Geppert) — E-mail: clareelena@westkingdom.org — Phone: (907) 301-3393 No calls after 9pm AK Standard Time

Site Information:

Colony Church (Alaska State Fairgrounds, Palmer Alaska 99645)

Alaska State Fairgrounds 2075 Glenn Highway
99645 Palmer , AK

See map: [Google Maps](#)

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Start Time:

Site opens at 10 AM and closes at 8 PM

Site Fee:

Adult Event Registration: \$20, Adult Member Discount
Event Registration: \$15, 17 and under Free, No Family Cap

Directions:

From Anchorage and points south: Take your best route to the northbound Glenn Highway to Palmer. Take the Palmer exit at the Glenn Highway/Parks Highway interchange. **Follow the Glenn Highway to the Alaska State Fair sign. Turn right into the main parking lot. Go through the parking lot to the Red Gate. Park and walk through the gate. The Colony Church is just inside the Red Gate on the right-hand side.

From Fairbanks and points north: Take the Parks Highway to the Glenn Highway/Parks Highway interchange. Take the Palmer exit. Follow directions from ** above.

Selviergard Warlords Tournament

Friday August 18 to Sunday August 20, 2023
Being held at Houston City Campground.

Baroness Vicana of Selviergard will host a Warlords Tournament to find Her Champions! We will be celebrating in conjunction with the Houston Founders Day on August 19th. The site is the Houston City campground off Armstrong. The site opens August 18th starting at 4 pm and closes at 4 pm on Sunday. This is a rural campground, so choose your footwear carefully. There are porta privies which are permanent structures and additional temporary porta privies will be provided. The terrain is uneven, and the campground is adjacent to a lake and a river. Mosquitoes and flies are bound to be plentiful, and please be on the lookout for bear, coyote and wolves.

Camping is additional to the site fee with \$20 per campsite.

It is requested that each camp site bring a fire extinguisher.

Schedule: Friday 4pm gates open for set up. Soup and bread will be available to fuel our energy. A Bardic fire is planned for Friday after setup. Baronial Court will be 11am. An armored combat tournament will be immediately after court to determine a Selviergard Warlord. A rapier tournament will immediately follow that to determine the Selviergard Rapier Champion. Styles of combat will be the Baroness's whim. Founders Day Celebration begins at 5 pm Saturday in the Community Center Parking lot. The SCA is providing a fighting demo during the festivities. Free hot dogs will be provided by the City of Houston or you may purchase from the food trucks. Following the SCA fighting demo will be fireworks, then back to the campground for Bardic at the fire. **Sunday** the site has a Hard Close at 4pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Astrid Thorasdottir & Niell Mac Nyven co-event stewards

Event Stewards: Astrid Thorasdottir (Becky Oviatt) Email – astrid@westkingdom.org **Co-event steward** Niell Mac Nyven (Nathan Meadows) Email - Krakenarmory@westkingdom.org
Seneschal Margarita De Calvi
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Houston City Campground, Armstrong Road Make your way to the Parks/Glenn interchange; Take the Parks Highway to Armstrong Road (Houston Community Center) follow the signs Adult registration \$15. Adult "Non-Member" Registration \$20 Children/ Minor Registration Age11-17: \$10, 10 and under Free Family Cap (\$):\$50

Eskalya Baroness's Champion

Saturday August 26th, 2023
Being held at Jewel Lake Parish, Anchorage, Alaska

Oyez, oyez!! The time has come again for new champions to rise and serve the Baroness of Eskalya. Join me again in a day of fun, food, games, and tournaments to determine the next batch of champions to serve. The event will be held within Jewel Lake Parish, with games held in the educational building, feasting held downstairs, and the actual tournaments held outside. Arts and Sciences, the competition is Owls in any mode, to honor our beloved Baroness. I am still waiting to hear back on archery, so keep a close eye out for that information. Heavy fighters, arm and prepare, I have a new list of challenges for you to prove your might. Fencers, I am working with the current champion to prepare your challenges as well. So come prepared for fun, frivolity, feasting, and friendship!

Terrain Description: We will be inside, and using both buildings of the church

Site Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible, Close / Handicap Parking, Sidewalks, Electrical Outlets, Cell Phone Reception

Amenities on Site: Potable Water, Bathrooms on site in both buildings, Shopping near by

Event Steward: Kollr Ulfsson (Kamden Richards) —

Email: k.ulfsson@westkingdom.org

Site Information:

3833 Strawberry Rd. 99502 Anchorage , AK

Start Time: Event Start Time: 10:00 AM — Event End Time: 10:00 PM

Site Fee: Adult "Non-Member" Registration: \$15; Adult Member Registration: \$10; Children/ Minor Registration (0-17): \$0; Family Cap: \$25

Directions:

Make your best way to Anchorage.

Make your best way to Jewel Lake Rd; Turn Left onto Strawberry Rd; the Parish will be on the left.

Winter's Gate Fall Hastilude

Saturday September 2nd, 2023
Anderson, Alaska

Join us September 1st through the 4th for Fall Hastilude! We will have our Captaincy and our Commander tournament, as well as (hopefully) an archery competition. We'll have games of skill, both (heavy and rapier). Rapier Tavern Brawl 2.0: this time with zombies! Now you must not only fight your way through the crowd but deal with their animated corpses as well.

The event is camping at Anderson Campground (no extra fee for tent camping, aside from gate fee). If you want to bring an RV, then you will pay an additional RV fee to the campground. A & S competition: Banners of any kind More competitions and games will be added as we get closer and confirm equipment and marshals for all the activities we wish to have. Whims will be announced at a later date. No feast is planned, so bring your own food. Yes, you can bring alcohol!

RV Fees (in addition to gate fee): Standard Electric: \$32, Standard Non-electric \$22. These fees are paid directly to the campground. **Terrain Description:** Level grassy area, gravel parking lot. Insects or wild animals to be aware of on/near site: Mosquitos, gnats, bears, and moose.

Site Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible
Close / Handicap Parking Cell Phone Reception
Amenities on Site: Stone Privies Portable Privies
Showers Potable Water Communal Fire Pit(s): Such as those that are available/provided on site Picnic Areas/ Tables RV Parking RV Hookups Pet Friendly

Event Steward: Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov (Donovan Khevron Goertz) —

Email: khevron@warpmail.net — Phone: 907-347-2632

Site Information: Anderson Campground, Anderson , AK

Start Time: Event Starts Sep 01 at 3:00 PM and Ends Sep 04 at 1:00 PM

Site Fee: Adult "Non-Member" Registration: \$15; Adult Member Registration: \$10; Youth Registration 17 and under: Free; Family Cap: NA

Directions: From the Parks Highway, turn Right on Clear Highway. Go about a mile and turn right on Anderson Road and follow it about 5 miles to the city of Anderson (and it becomes 1st). It is a small town. Please be very conscientious of your speed when driving through town. Follow that to the end of town. Turn Left at the sign for the campground.

Hrafnafjodr All Thing

Saturday September 9th, 2023
Soldotna, Alaska

Come join us in Hrafnafjodr as we celebrate our annual All Thing, where the defenders of our shire are chosen! This years theme will be "Highway Robbery", think Highwaymen, Robin Hood, Sigmund the Werewolf, and other tales of land-based banditry. There will be prizes for archery, fencing, heavy combat, a mystery game, and three A&S Contests: one for food, one for bardic, and another for items and bardic in any mode. A grand defender of the arts and sciences will be chosen by a combined total of entries into all three categories.

Terrain Description: Grass field, dirt parking, Insects or wild animals to be aware of: Bear, Moose, Mosquitos. **Site Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception **Amenities on Site:** Stone Privies, Potable Water, Picnic Areas/ Tables, Pet Friendly **Additional Comments:** Playground, flush toilets, indoor or outdoor covered table space as needed depending on weather.

Event Steward : Hraði Köttur (Jason R Notter)
— jasonnotter@outlook.com — phone: (907) 202-4823

Site Information: Funny River Community Center
35850 Pioneer Access 99669 Soldotna , AK

Start Time: Site opens at 10:00 AM and closes at 7:00 PM

Site Fee: Adult Event Registration: \$15; Adult Member Event Registration: \$10; Youth: Free

Directions: Follow Funny River till you get to Pioneer Access. Take a right. The event site will be clearly visible on the left.

Selviergard Fall Collegium

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

Wasilla, Alaska

Being held at Meadow Lakes Elementary School

Greetings unto Oertha! Their Excellencies Colum and Vicana, Baron and Baroness of Selviergard invite you to come and learn at the Selviergard Fall Collegium. The Baron and the A&S Minister are organizing a Selviergard Fall Collegium scheduled for September 16, 2023.

The Fall Collegium will be to have several classrooms and Tracks of Study. The Tracks proposed so far are:

Martial Track: Fighting, training, research and studying the martial arts including Armored, Rapier, Archery, Tactics, Pell, study and research.
Service Track: Autocrating, SCA Offices, security, Feast o Crat, SCA history, Squire Kitchen
Arts & Sciences Track: Garb, leather working, scribal, calligraphy, creative writing, wood working, armor crafting, jewelry, bardic, Batty Puppeteers, Inkle Weaving, Viking Braiding, Illumination, Ribbon Roses, Kumohimo (Japanese Cord Making), Patterning for Garb
Society Track: SCA 101, SCA History, SCA social activities, dance, gaming, games, Heraldry, music, Blood of Heroes for SCA

Royal Track: Being a Royal, Consort Life, Court
Historical Studies Track: The Art of War, IX Legion, Hurling, War Gaming SCA Battles, Anglo-Saxon, Norse, Celtic, Arthurian Legends

Children's Track: Page School, Children's Corner and activities, Catapults, Storytime.

There will be several classrooms available and an outside area for fighting and training classes.

There will be an outdoor field kitchen setup and the 11-Noon class will be "Cooking a Feast for Dummies (Squires, Protégés and Apprentices)" presented by Baron Colum. The food prepared during this class will be sold at lunch as a fundraiser for the Barony.

may be available depending on instructors and additional or different classes may be made available for the same reason.

Selviergard Fall Collegium Continued

We are looking for Instructors. If there is a class listed above, or one that is not listed that you would like to teach, let Baron Colum or Lady Faustina know. Not all classes listed above may be available depending on instructors and additional or different classes may be made available for the same reason.

Site: Meadow Lakes Elementary School, 1741 N. Pittman Road, Wasilla, AK, 99654

Site Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible and Cell Phone Reception

Site Rules: No Smoking and a Dry Site

Event Stewards:

Baron Colum (William O'Neil) Phone: 907-406-0247 Email: colum@westkingdom.org

Lady Faustina de Firenze (Rebecca Toms) REBECCA.TOMS@matsuk12.us

Site Information: Meadow Lakes Elementary School, 1741 N. Pittman Road, Wasilla, AK, 99654. Take your best route to the Parks Highway and Pittman Road. Proceed North on Pittman Road past the Three Bears and the school is on the right after Pittman curves.

Start Time:

Event opens September 16th at 8:00 AM and closes September 16th at 6:00 PM

Site Fee:

Adult Event Registration: \$15, Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$10, Children under 17 are free.



Oerthans go to War!!!

Event highlights for the Principality of Oertha's Escapades at Antir West War

We had several Oerthans travel to Antir West War. There are many tales to be told from those who went down, some to the very first war they have ever attended. The magic that is war is infectious and the wanderlust is still seen in the eyes of those who attended. The longing for war to return quickly is something fighters dream of. here are some photos of Oerthans at war.



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*Long Live the Crown
Prince & Princess of the West
Miles & Jitka !!!!!!!
Huzzah!!!!*

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**PROGRESS
FOR CRUCILLUS AND EILIS**

July 14-16, F/Su:
Oertha Coronet and Investiture



FROM THE CHRONICLER

The Guardian is the newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, I need all of you to help in keeping it full of information, articles, and more. If you are an autocrat of an event, please consider sending your event information directly to the Chroniclers (both the Principality and the local branches) so that they can ensure that your event information is published. If you have wisdom to share such as an article or research paper; please consider submitting it to the newsletter so that others can learn as well. The deadline for submissions for the Fall edition of *The Guardian* will be September 20th. I am looking for a deputy for the position of Principality Chronicler. The deputy will receive hands on training in crafting a newsletter and other items related to this position. The deputy will eventually succeed me sometime in the future.

In Service,
Nemonna Vicana



MEET AND BEAT
July 29th, 2023
LOCATION PALMER, AK

TEACHERS INCLUDE:

- SVEN RANDULLSSON (ANSTEORRA)
- ANTIGONE OF YORK (ANSTEORRA)
- HEINRICH VON MELK (WEST)
- HELGA SKJALDMEAR (WEST)
- MIKOLAJ THORKELWICZ (AN TIR)
- AND MORE!

SOME OF THE CLASSES:

- SMALL BODY POWER GENERATION
- BASIC MECHANICS
- LEARNING TO TEACH
- RANGE, TIMING, & CONTROL
- GEAR CONSTRUCTION AND COMMON ISSUES
- AND MORE!

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OERTHAN CALENDAR

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