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# The Guardian

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

Oertha, the last six months have been magical. Getting to travel to each group during our reign has been nothing short of fun and full of new friendships and joy. May our Heirs find the joy in getting to travel out to each group as well. Now is the time to chose our Heirs. Let each fighter and consort bring their Honor and Inspiration to the list field.

Long live Oertha!

*Lucius*, Princeps, *Anne*, Principessa



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## Oerthan Winter Coronet and Investiture

### January 19-21, 2024

### The Principality of Oertha

Greetings Oertha! Greetings to the West! The time approaches for new heirs to be selected to sit the Boreal Thrones! Join Their Highnesses Lucius and Anne to witness the tournament to select Their heirs and celebrate Their Investiture. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for this event the pre-registration form will be released shortly. \*50 brown bag lunches will be available for pre-order at \$10 each as a fundraiser to support the Principality. A potluck dinner is planned for Saturday night.

#### Arts and Sciences Activities:

All activities accept entries in three categories: Laurel, Artisan, Youth

- \* To chase winter away: warmth in any mode, i.e., cloaks, hats, etc
- \* Hot beverages: non-alcoholic (ingredients must be listed)
- \* Fighting gear on any mode. \* Youth specific: Winter in any mode
- \* Bardic: Winter in any mode performed during pot-luck

The spinning guild is hosting a UFO (Unfinished Objects) competition, contact **Ellisif** for further details. \***Ivory Spoon** will be Basic Meat Pies in a Coffin. Basically, any meat in a pastry container. Beef, pork, chicken, fish. Participant judged, bring recipe. Curious about how to make this? There will be a class at Winter's Gate Collegium!

#### Rapier activities will be announced soon.

**Terrain Description:** The majority of the event will be inside a single-floor building. Outside conditions will be weather dependent, but ice cleats are always a good idea! (They \*must\* be removed when coming inside.) **Bodies of water on/near site:** There is a lake nearby, but it will most likely be frozen. Insects or wild animals to be aware of on/ near site: Bear (should be in torpor, but who knows anymore), moose, coyote, wolves - it's Alaska

**Site Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception. **Amenities on Site:** Stone Privies, Potable Water, Shopping nearby, Hotels/Motels nearby

**Bodies of Water:** Rivers, Lakes, Ponds, Creeks

**Additional Comments:** As always, please come prepared for January in Alaska.

**Event Steward:** Kinehild le librari (Claire Knudsen-Latta) — Email: [cynehild@westkingdom.org](mailto:cynehild@westkingdom.org)

**Site Information:** Camp Singing Hills 26410 Paradis Lane 99567 Chugiak, AK

**Start Time:** Event Starts: Jan 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM and Ends: Jan 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM

**Site Fee:** Adult Non-Member Registration: \$30; Adult Member Registration: \$25; Adult Non-Member Single Day Registration: \$20; Adult Member Single Day Registration: \$15; Youth 11 to 17: \$10; under 11 - free; Family Cap (\$): 70

**Directions:** From the North: Take the Mirror Lake Exit off the Glenn. Turn Left at Paradise Ln and then Right at Hills Circle. The road ends at the site. From the South: Take the Mirror Lake Exit off of the Glenn. Turn Left onto the Old Glenn Highway. Turn Right at Paradise Ln and then right at Hills Circle. The road ends at the site.

**Selviergard Collegium**  
Saturday February 10th, 2024  
Wasilla, Alaska

The Barony of Selviergard invites you to join them for a day of learning and fun. There will be hands-on, lecture, and group discussion classes throughout the day. The day's classes will cover topics like Marshaling 101, period etiquette, medieval games, weaving, leather working, rapier and heavy 101, and many more. Check the baronial Facebook page as the event approaches for a full schedule.

**This is a DRY site and there is NO SMOKING on the premises (including NO vaping).** The building has a paved parking lot and ADA Ramp for building access, ADA ramp between floors and compliant bathrooms. Please pack a brown bag lunch. Sadly, building restrictions don't allow for a feast. There are a limited number of food options in the area for those going offsite for lunch. **Event Stewards:** Faustina de Firenze (Rebecca Toms) [rebeccatoms25@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccatoms25@gmail.com)  
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Terrain Description: Building has a paved parking lot and ADA Ramp for building access, Building is ADA compliant with ramps, Bodies of water on/near site: Many small frozen ponds surrounding the site. Insects or wild animals to be aware of on/ near site: While the event will take place indoors, occasionally Bears and Moose enter the school grounds Site Accessibility: ADA Compliant, Electrical Outlets, Sidewalks, Close / Handicap Parking, Amenities on Site: Potable Water Modern Lighting: Such as Street/Walkway lights, Additional Comments: This is school district property.

**It is a DRY and NO SMOKING site (including NO vaping).**

**Site Information:**

**Meadow Lakes Elementary**  
**1741 N Pittman Rd, Wasilla Alaska**

**Start Time:** Starts at 9:00 AM and Ends at 6:00 PM

**Site Fee:** Adult Non-Member Registration (\$): 10; Adult Member Registration (\$): 5; Children/ Minor Registration (Age and \$): under 17 free; Family Cap (\$): 30

**Directions:** Take the Parks Highway north. Turn right at Pittman Road. Follow Pittman Road for two miles. Turn right into the Meadow Lakes Elementary parking lot.

**Hrafnfjodr Collegium**  
Saturday February 17th, 2024

**Hrafnfjodr is having a collegium.**  
**More details coming soon**

**Winter's Gate 40 Year Celebration**  
Saturday February 24th, 2024  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Winter's Gate became a Barony January 29, 1984. Come celebrate the Barony's 40th year! Wear the oldest garb you have (that fits).

Baronial Artifacts Exhibit. Bring any Tokens or Items to show? Newsletters? Books or pamphlets?

**A&S Champion contest:** Something using the Baronial Colors and/or Estoiles/indented division. Extra points for Documentation! Bear Pit Prize Tourney for Heavy and **Rapier!**(if weather allows – outside in parking lot), the winner to be declared our victorem quadraginta anno! (XL year Victor) **Round Table:** Share a story from your time in the SCA in Winter's Gate! **Feast:** Bring a potluck contribution to feed 8–10. **Terrain Description:** Site **Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Sidewalks Close / Handicap Parking, **Accessibility and Inclusion Officer/ Muted Emissary** has been requested for this event Cell Phone Reception **Event Steward:** Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov (Donovan Khevron Goertz) — E-mail: [khevron@warpmail.net](mailto:khevron@warpmail.net)

**Site Information:**

**JP Jones Center**  
2400 Rickert Street  
99701 Fairbanks , AK

**Start Time:**

Starts at 3:00 PM and ends at 9:00 PM

**Site Fee:**

Donation Only

**Directions:**

Take South Cushman St to 24th, to Rickert

Winter's Gate Collegium  
Saturday March 9th, 2024

Winter's Gate is having a collegium.  
More details coming soon

Eskalya Pie-rate Day  
Saturday March 16th, 2024  
Anchorage, Alaska

Ahoy! Lay anchor and show off your plunder at Eskalya's Pie-rate Day on March 16. There will be food and drinks, tall tales and sea shanties, treasure hunts, ship building, nautical arts and sciences, and swashbuckling as our fighters repel raiding ship parties. **Activities** - Arts and **Sciences Display:** Nautical in any mode, bonus points if it's shiny! - **Bardic:** Sea shanties and tales of adventure! - **Heavies:** Repel the Raiders! Small group fights to defend or steal the pirate treasure. - **Rapier and C/T:** Swashbuckling! Bring your bucklers and daggers to defend the ship helm. - **Family Fun:** Whatever Floats Your Boat! Assorted materials will be available to build and float a toy sized ship. Design, build, and test your ship for a chance at the grand prize. - **Family Fun:** Treasure Hunt! Assemble a team and follow the pirate map to hidden treasures. - **Feasting:** Pot Luck Lunch! Bring your favorite pie or pie accompaniment to share and show off. Savory pies, sweet pies, hand pies, quiches, even pizza — all pies are welcome! Water, tea, and lemonade will be available. A kitchen is available for use. **Terrain Description:** Outdoors will be cold and icy, please dress accordingly and bring good ice shoes. Site Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Sidewalks, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception, Amenities on Site: Stone Privies, Potable Water, Modern, Lighting: Such as Street/Walkway lights

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Eskalya Pie-rate Day  
"Continued"

**Terrain Description:** Outdoors will be cold and icy, please dress accordingly and bring good ice shoes. Site Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Sidewalks, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception, Amenities on Site: Stone Privies, Potable Water, Modern, Lighting: Such as Street/Walkway lights **Event Steward:** Maeva of Eskalya (Carolyn Tix) — E-

mail: [maevaofeskalya@westkingdom.org](mailto:maevaofeskalya@westkingdom.org) — Phone: 907-444-6079 **Site Information:**

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church** 10955 Elmore Rd 99516 Anchorage , AK

**Start Time:** Starts at 11:00 AM and ends at 5:00 PM

**Site Fee:** Adult Non-Member Registration (\$): 15 — Adult Member Registration (\$): 10 — Minor s 17 and younger are Free — Family Cap N/A

**Directions:** Take the Seward Hwy (or Minnesota Dr) south to O'Malley Rd. Then head east on O'Malley. Turn south off O'Malley Rd onto Elmore. Then take the first left into the Church parking lot off of Elmore.

Pavlok Gorod Fantastic Fairytale Fete  
Saturday April 13th, 2024

[More Details to come.](#)

Hrafnfjodr Newcomers'  
Saturday April 13th, 2024

[More Details to come.](#)

Eskalya May Revel  
Saturday May 4th, 2024

[More Details to come.](#)

## Selviergard Spring Offensive/ Baronial Birthday

Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> - Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Wasilla, Alaska

Celebrate the Barony of Selviergard Birthday and the Warming of Our Lands at Spring Offensive. The Barony of Selviergard will be hosting their annual Spring Offensive. Planned activities include the Baron's Bardic Fyre scheduled Friday night, The Offensive Ball, and a Potluck Feast on Saturday Night. Fighting Scenarios for Saturday will be "Bridges", several scenarios for both Hard Suit and Rapier involving bridges. There will be a Combat Cookery Challenge Saturday. An IKAC archery shoot is planned for Saturday and a Fun Archery Challenge on Sunday. There will be an Arts and Sciences Competition with the theme "For the Fun of It" with a populace choice held Saturday. A Thrown Weapons Tournament is also planned for Sunday. The site is discreetly Wet with camping, porta johns are very limited, Dry RV parking (coordinate with autocrat before the event for a space). Fires must be elevated and have ground protection underneath. Every campsite must have a fire extinguisher.

**Topography Description:** Uneven, Muddy when it rains, Insects or wild animals to be aware of on/ near site: Bear active area. **Site Accessibility:** Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception, **Amenities on Site:** Portable Privies **Additional Comments:** The site is discreetly Wet, Fires must be elevated and have ground protection underneath. Every campsite must have a fire extinguisher. **Active Bear area.**

**Event Steward:** Lady Ceara Ingaen Nic Bheithir (Kathryn O'Neil) — E-mail: ceara.ak@gmail.com or cearahuntress@westkingdom.org

**Site Information: Lake Lucille Campground** Lake Lucille Park 1401 S. Endeavor Street 99654 Wasilla, AK

**Start Time:** Starts at 10:00 AM Friday and ends at 6:00 PM Monday

**Site Fee:** Adult Non-Member Registration: \$15; Adult Member Registration: \$10; Children/ Minors 12-17 \$5; Children under 12: Free; Family Cap: \$30

**Directions:** Head east on AK-3 S / George Parks Hwy / E Parks Hwy toward Main St / Wasilla-Fishhook Rd, and go East on S Knik-Goose Bay Rd. At Mile 1.3 Knik-Goose Bay Rd, turn N onto E. Riley Rd, Turn right onto S Endeavor St and follow it to the end. Watch for SCA signs to take you to the campsite. 1401 S. Endeavor Street (Mile 2.2 Knik Goose Bay Road)

## THE FABLES CORNER

### THE SECRET OF STEEL

Question: What is the secret of steel?

Answer: The strength of steel is not in the forging, but in the man who wields it.

Question: What is a sword?

Answer: A tool, nothing more, nothing less

Question: What will you do with this tool?

Answer: Defend that which needs defending, protect that which needs protection, destroy that which needs destruction.

Question: What is the one thing that this sword cannot do, that must be done?

Answer: Judge between right and wrong

Question: Who will do this?

Answer: I will

Let this sword never be drawn in anger, never strike in an unworthy cause, never fail it's owner intime of need.

Let this hand know that the greatness of a warrior is not his fierceness in battle, nor in the gentleness of his love, but in the vast stretch between both. A sword is a lever, nothing more, nothing less. And with a lever, and place to stand, a man can move the world.



## Want ad's

### Constable Deputy Wanted.

Do you like talking to people? Have a passion for fire/safety walks and ensuring that our fair lands are well guarded? If so, then do I have a great opportunity for you. I have been Constable for around 10 years now and it's time that I retire. I am currently looking for a deputy successor. You will be fed and trained and made sure that you are comfortable with the post before I skip off into the sunset. If you are interested please shoot me an email at [cera@westkingdom.org](mailto:cera@westkingdom.org) and tell me a bit about yourself and why you're interested in the Office. You may also reach out to me at any event where I am in attendance.

YIS,

Dame Ceara

## Shared Bites

### Baron Colum's Guinness Ice-cream

- 1 qt. half-and-half
- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup Guinness stout
- 2 tablespoon molasses
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar

In the medium saucepan, mix in the half and half, condensed milk, cream and vanilla. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Turn off the heat, cover the pan, and let the flavors infuse for about 30 minutes.

In the small saucepan over medium-high heat, whisk together the stout, sugar, salt and molasses. Bring to a boil and turn off heat.

Stir the beer mixture into the cream mixture in a bowl and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Process the mixture in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## FROM THE EXCHEQUERS

### OFFICE

#### Principality of Oertha Financial Report December 31, 2023

##### Bank Accounts as of October 1, 2023

Checking	\$5,694.97
Savings	\$3,745.98
Total	\$9,440.95

##### Account Activity

Return of Damage Deposits	\$1,500.00
Storage Unit Charge	\$ (138.00)
Interest Paid	\$ 1.12
Net Change	\$ 1,263.12

##### Bank Accounts as of December 31, 2023

Checking	\$7,056.97
Savings	\$3,747.10
Total	\$10,804.07

### PROGRESS of Lucius & Anne

Oertha Coronet and Investiture



*Long Live the King & Queen of the West  
Sighfridh & Sof'ia Huzzah!!!*



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## OERTHAN CALENDAR

**Oertha Coronet & Investiture**  
Friday January 19th, 2024 to Sunday January  
21st, 2024  
Chugiak, Alaska

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Saturday February 10th, 2024  
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