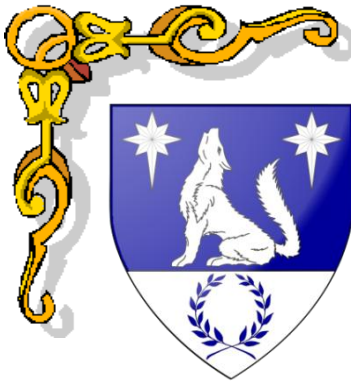


To the Dream. To the West. Oertha Forever.



The Guardian

Newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

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From Nathan and Lilla,

Prince and Princess of Oertha...

Greetings from The Coronets of Oertha!

As the warm and sunny days of summer blend into the cooler days of autumn, Our populace once again begin their preparations for the long, cold winter to come. Amongst the season's labors, let us take time to appreciate the land around us, the fellowship of our peoples, and let us look back on the happy memories of those loved ones who have passed beyond our reach.

In this season of harvest We The Coronets are greatly looking forward to continuing Our progress in earnest! We have the opportunity to travel to warmer climes to witness the October Crown tourney, and then further south unto the Kingdom of Caid. We have the honor of representing Our Principality and join in joyous battle for King and Kingdom. We look forward to seeing old friends, and making many new ones during Our travels.

In Service to Oertha and The West!

Nathan and Lilla,
Prince and Princess of Oertha



Eskalyan Samhein: Zombie Apocalypse

October 19, 2013
Barony of Eskalya

Come and join us as we fight off the medieval Zombie Apocalypse! Lots of Ghoulish delights and events throughout the day!

Heavy and Rapier Tournaments: In keeping with the theme of Zombies it shall be a One Man (or Woman) Vs All with all being our Zombies!! Our Zombies are restricted to Single sword on their knees.

A Ghoulish Delights Contest: Creepy, spooky, or just plain scary treats to eat. It can be a sweet treat or a main dish does not matter. Just make it creeptacular!

An Undead Costume Contest: Dress the part of the undead Medieval People to make the atmosphere more Apocalyptic!

And Last but not least! *A Spooky Scavenger Hunt* for the kiddies! Candy at each stop!

Feast as a Potluck, arranged by persona : Viking - meats or main dishes, Western European – side dish (starches, pasta, etc), Moorish/Eastern European - veggies/salad , other - desserts. If undecided, you may bring a dish of your choosing.

Site Information: Highland Tech High / 5530 E Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage AK 99504.

Site opens at 10AM on Saturday and closes at 8PM.

Site Fee: \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members); ages 12 and under are FREE.

Autocrat: Gregor and `Bella Hawke (Michael and Melissa Snyder)

Winter's Gate Michaelmas: Imperial Japan

October 26, 2013
Barony of Winter's Gate

For the Michaelmas event, this year, we will be visiting the splendor of Imperial Japan. Sensei Saionji no Hana, from central Kingdom, has graciously consented to be our guest of honor and has agreed to teach a couple of classes.

At the request of our fencers, who wish to play with our guest, there will be a Rapier practice/class at 2pm.

DINNER: This Event will have FEAST TICKETS for those who wish to partake of our Japanese themed feast. There are 35 tickets available, and will go to the first 35 people who RSVP to Margery by Oct. 18th. You MUST RSVP if you wish to eat! Feast Tickets cost \$10 for ages 17 and up, \$8 for ages 8-16, and \$5 for ages 7 and under.

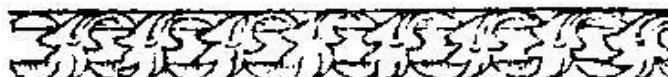
There will be a Bardic after the event at the home of Griffin and Margery (4523 Stanford Dr). This will be both a wake for those who have gone before (most recently Mistress Alecianne) as well as a chance to share in the warmth of song and friendship as we head into Samhein and winter.

Site Information: Walden Estates Community Center, 1108 Hampstead Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

Event Fees: (with or without feast tickets) are: \$5.00 for members (\$10.00 for non-members), \$3.00 for 17 and under. Feast Tickets cost \$10 for ages 17 and up, \$8 for ages 8-16, and \$5 for ages 7 and under; RSVP for feast by Oct 18th is required! Checks should be made out to "SCA Inc - Winter's Gate".

Autocrat: Elena verch Rhys (Jessica Duncan)

More information on this event can be found on the Barony of Winter's Gate [website](#) and the e-mail groups



Selviergard Samhain Revel

October 26, 2013
Barony of Selviergard

Calling all souls, ghouls, goblins and party-goers! We shall celebrate the thinnest night-veil of the year with a tourney and revel celebrating all souls. Mid-afternoon tourneys, where all wounds remain until midnight....games, contests of skill, bobbing for apples...harvest dancing...costumes, games and trick-or-treating for the younger souls. All the makings of a FUN harvest celebration. There is plenty of room for hearty-partiers to stay overnight, and a yummy breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning. Can you stay awake all night so your soul isn't stolen?

Contests for: Children's Costumes, Scary Stories (at bardic), Cooking: Pumpkin Desserts and Apple Side-Dishes.

Feast: Meat generously provided by our hunters; potluck (by mundane last name): A-J: Side dishes; K-R: breads/spreads; S-Z: vegies

There will be a Memorial Tent set up for you to commune with those who have gone before us to the halls of our fathers, the Summerlands, or wherever your folk go. It will have seating and a cozy fire, so plan to spend some time there, if you wish. Refreshments will be provided

Please note: As there are resident dogs (they will be restrained), we kindly request that no other pets accompany you.

Site Information: Thompson Hall / 3884 N Sluice Box Dr. / Houston AK 99666.

Site opens at NOON on Saturday and closes at NOON on Sunday.

Site Fee: No Fee, but a suggested donation of \$3 and a bag of candy or \$5 for ages 12 and older.

Autocrat: Margarita di Calvi (Gretchen Thompson)



Selviergard Yule

November 30, 2013
Barony of Selviergard

Their Excellencies Fathir and Etain invite all to start the holiday season with them at Selviergard's Yule. There will be Festivities galore, so come and share with us the start of the holiday season with fun, merriment, and perhaps some foolery.

There will be "Festive" Fighting, Yes, I Said "FESTIVE" Fighting for both Heavy and Rapier. The populace is invited to bring "Festive" decorations to don the fighters with for the tournaments. There will be a silent vote for the best decorated fighter.

Also featuring the ever popular Lord and Lady of Misrule...determined by "Rock, Paper, Scissors" as is tradition. Be prepared for some foolishness and some funny hats!

This event's A&S competition will be "Hand made Yule Decorations" Standard A&S rules apply; documentation is highly encouraged.

Bring you games! Selviergard loves games. Board games are best as our lands get a little cold during the Yule season.

Feast will be a potluck assigned as per your Persona's last name:

A-F Meat Dishes
G-L Side Dishes
M-R Breads / Cheeses
S-Z Desserts

As is Selviergard's tradition; the site fee is by donation only.

Site Information: The Wasilla Boys and Girls Club / 3700 Bogard Rd / Wasilla, AK 99654.

Site opens at 11AM and closes at 8PM.

Site Fee: As noted above, by donation only.

Autocrat: Nemonna Vicana (Bobbie Sampson)



Oerthan Calendar

October

- 19 Samhein (Eskalya)
- 26 Michaelmas (Winter's Gate)
- 26 Samhain Revel (Selviergard)

November

- 30 Yule (Selviergard)

December

- 7 Yule (Eskalya)
- 21 Yule (Winter's Gate)
- 21 Yule (Earngyld)
- 28 St. Stephen's Day Revel (Pavlok Gorod)

January

- 3-5 12th Night Coronation (West)
- 18-19 Winter Coronet and Investiture

Up-to-date event information can be found on the Oerthan and the West Kingdom Calendar. Autocrats: Please make sure that your event is published in one or both of these calendars!



Listing of Oerthan Interests on Facebook

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[The Principality of Oertha](#)

[The Barony of Eskalya](#)

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[The Shire of Earngyld](#)

[The Shire of Pavlok Gorod](#)

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[The Oertha History Guild](#)

[The Selviergard History Project](#)

[Oerthan Archery](#)

[SCA Oerthan Heavy Combat Training Resource](#)



Be sure to visit the Principality of Oertha's website for a variety of information including event notices, Laws of the Principality of Oertha, and other important and useful information.

oertha.westkingdom.org

From the Seneschal...

Unto the Populace of Oertha:

Their Highnesses and I, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal, request that bids for Summer Coronet 2014 be submitted by November 1.

This new early deadline will hopefully allow additional time to plan and prepare for potential travel to outlying areas, therefore increasing the range and number of bids to choose from.

Should your group wish to submit a bid but finds this deadline to be a hardship or if you would like more information about the required items needed to submit a coronet bid, please contact me. Otherwise, please send your completed bids to Their Highnesses, the Principality Exchequer, and myself.

Thank you very much.

Baroness Ellisif

Seneschale, Principality of Oertha



From the Minister of Arts and Sciences...

To my Fellow Artisans of Oertha,

I would happily like to announce that the Arts and Science competition for Winter Coronet of AS 48 will be Leather Goods. This may be any item made primarily of leather; such as shoes, drinking vessels, pouches, leather boxes/caskets, or other such diverse items as can be made from this material. As always, documentation is highly encouraged.

There will also be a table for those interested to display their projects, complete or not.

In addition, a reminder about the Royal Whims. Her Highness would like items decorated with a White Rose (White Roses in Any Form); and His Highness is requesting pieces to protect oneself in combat (Armour in Any Mode, specifically locally made pieces, with added consideration being given to period designs with documentation).

The Whims and Leather Goods competitions may be combined--for example; a leather casket decorated with a white rose.

The Barony of Eskalya is sponsoring a Brewing Competition for beers, with bonus points given for documentation. Better get your yeasty minions working.

Yours in Service,

Tiarna Bránn mac Finnchad,

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Oertha



Pageantry Display and Ceremony in the SCA

By: Halfdan "Two Bears" Ôzurrson

Pageantry in the Society for Creative Anachronism is one of the many things that not only enhances our experience at an event, but is also one of the more visible items that we as individuals can participate in as well. Pageantry is the banners, the ceremonies, and the extra push into recreating the by-gone eras we hope to portray as a Society.

Pageantry is the one of the first things that people see at an event and sometimes the most memorable. A knight walking out onto the field of battle in full heraldic display, a beautiful ceremony in court, and banners gently fluttering in the breeze in front of a spectacular encampment are the memories most people take back with them into the mundane world; keeping them excited and looking forward to sharing *The Dream* at the next event.

What is Pageantry?

Pageantry is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as a "colorful, rich, or splendid display." Pageantry describes, in the context and scope of the Society, the heraldic displays, secular ceremonies, and other colorful aspects that were common in period, especially during tournaments or some court activities.

Pageantry was a driving force for the Medieval and Renaissance person; as a means of flaunting both wealth and family ties. Many period examples of pageantry can be found; mostly depicted in artwork from the time, and gives us a wonderful glimpse into the minds of our ancestors.

Pageantry in the SCA can be described easily as our non-religious ceremonies and displays that some consider one of the greatest aspects of our group. Most of the time people assume that pageantry is strictly heraldic display; such as banners and surcoats. However, pageantry can be so much more.

Pageantry in the SCA

It is our pageantry that helps portray that we as a group are trying to depict the Middle Ages or Renaissance time periods. Including pageantry into our events includes a myriad of different options; all ranging from the basic to the extensive. It is our own desire on how much we want to invest in pageantry that dictates the extent of it in our group.

Heraldic display is the easiest method of pageantry; and the one that most people are accustomed to seeing. It is the banners that are often the most visible, alongside surcoats and painted shields that truly stand out at any event. Heraldic display tells others who we are, where we reside, and what group or household we belong to, in an effective manner. Heraldic display is often seen on banners or the armor that fighters wear in tournaments, but heraldic display is not relegated only to those on the field of battle and it is usually incorporated by most members of the group.



A formal Pas d'Armes shield depicting deeds of arms for a Tournament honoring The Fallen Stag in the East Kingdom. Shield and photograph by Roger Young.

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Ceremony, especially in High Courts is also an easily discernible aspect of pageantry; but often considered solely the realm of the herald. While in some cases this is true; it is important to note that people can add to almost any ceremony simply by talking it over with the reigning royalty and the herald. Acts like this can be comprised of processions, speeches, or other activities that help add to the atmosphere and "magic" of any court.



A Roman-style presentation into Opening Court during Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture. Photograph by Etain O'Rowarke.

Conclusion

Pageantry will always be one of the many bonds that helps solidify *The Dream* for so many people within the Society for Creative Anachronism. It is our way of displaying who we are, our hopes and our dreams, and our artistic side in the activities we participate in together as a group. Utilizing pageantry is an effective way to help add that extra factor into our activities within the Society. Additionally, using pageantry on a regular basis has the benefits of enhancing *The Dream* for not only yourself, but others as well.

From the Chronicler...

Greetings to the Populace of Oertha

Welcome to the Fall edition of *The Guardian*, the newsletter for the populace of the Principality of Oertha. This edition contains valuable information on upcoming events from around the Principality, some officer missives, and an article on Pageantry.

I am always looking for submissions for this newsletter; articles on your interests, officer missives, your rhymes and songs, and other items that would be either important or interesting to the readers. Please take a moment to consider contributing to this newsletter.

Submissions for the Winter edition of this newsletter should be received no later than **January 7th, 2014** to ensure proper placement.

The next edition of *The Guardian* will be available at Winter Coronet which is being held in the lands of Eskalya in January. Printed copies will be offered, and the PDF version will be made public shortly afterwards.

Kurios Halfdan "Two Bears" Ôzurrson
Chronicler, Principality of Oertha



You Know You're in
the SCA when...

You yell "Huzzah" at mundane events
instead of cheering "normally."

Send your "You Know You're in the SCA when..." sayings to the Chronicler!

Did You Know?

The Coronets of Oertha were crafted by Hans the Horrible in time for Oertha's first Coronet Tournament on January 1985 (AS XIX) and were worn by Kylson and Anne, the first Prince and Princess of Oertha. They are still used today and are in remarkable condition considering the age of the Coronets.

Source: The West Kingdom History Page

Missed an issue of *The Guardian*? Baron Khevron has taken the time to collect and share past newsletters, including this publication, for historical purposes. You can view them on his website at:

<http://khevron.tripod.com/guardian/index.html>

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*Long live the King and Queen of the West! Long
Live the Prince and Princess of Oertha!*