



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

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# The Guardian



Greetings at the halfway point of our reign. It has been an adventure trying to see all the lands that make up Oertha. We are looking forward to seeing all our populace when we are able. One of the things we are most looking forward to is a prize tourney during the Selviargard Spring Offensive. The princess is donating two shields as prizes for the winners. These shields will be painted with Oertha inspired landscapes and the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to an Alaskan Native charity as a way of showing thanks to the native people whose land we are on. Speaking of fighting we are heading to the West/An Tir war in July in order to bolster our southern brethren as they fight against the Kingdome that separates Oertha from the rest of the Kingdom of the West. We encourage all of our populace who are able to join us in this event. We have gone many times to this war and enjoy ourselves every time we visit. Finally we wish to share with you the nature of our coronet tournament. The tournament restrictions were inspired by our first tournament in Oertha where the Prince Duncan had decreed that only axes would be allowed on the field, we have amended that restriction to include all hafted weapons, with the finals to be fought with glaives. Part of the tournament will also see destructive by fights so that receiving a by is not an immediate pass to the next round. Our hope is that the format of the tournament is enjoyable to all participating and a pleasure to watch for those spectating with us.

*Hans*, Princeps, *Elena*, Principessa



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## Oerthan Summer Coronet and Investiture

Anderson Campground: Anderson, AK 99744

July 19-21, 2024

The Principality of Oertha

Good Gentles of the Known World!

The time has come to choose the heirs to the Boreal Thrones!

Come join Their Highnesses Hans and Elena to witness the tournament to choose Their heirs and celebrate Their Investiture. Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged and is live. Following the tournament and roses field, there will be a Tavern Brawl. Tavern Brawls will be held for both Heavy and Rapier fighters. Fighters bring your armor and fun! There will be games and dancing on the list field in the evening!

### Event Steward:

Anne FitzRichard ( Kathryn McKowen-Taves)

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**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.

**Site Fee:** Adult "Non-Member" Registration \$30 (\$20 and a Non-Member charge of \$10)

Adult Member Registration: \$20 Children (under 17 yrs of age) FREE

RV Parking slots have Electric Hook ups, fee to be paid directly to the City of Anderson

Please be aware of **Wildlife**, Bears and Moose in the area and be prepared for Mosquito's.

**Terrain Description:** Rustic but Level ground

**Eskalya May The 4th Be With You**  
**Saturday May 4th, 2024**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

Join us as we travel to a galaxy far, far away. It will be a day of fun, games, and gambling, as you try your hand in a game of Sabbac. Wager on your favorite fighters as they compete in three styles of combat! There will be an A&S competition, Star Wars garb in any period, and Star Wars in any mode. Finally, we will close out the day with a potluck dinner. Bring something to share with your fellows and enjoy a day of laughs and warmth. A thru M bring something savory, M thru Z bring something for dessert or drink. May the Force be with you.

**Terrain Description:** Level ground, parking lot, open access to the buildings. **Bodies of water on/near site:** None **Insects or wild animals to be aware of on/ near site:** Moose occasionally wander through, but shouldn't be problematic this time of year

**Site Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Sidewalks, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception, **Amenities on Site:** Potable Water, Shopping nearby **Modern Lighting:** Such as Street/ Walkway lights.

**Event Steward:** Kollr Ulfsson (Kamden Richards) —  
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**Site Information:** 3833 Strawberry Rd. 99502 Anchorage, AK

**Start Time:** 1 PM to 8 PM

**Site Fee:** Adult Non-Member Registration \$20; Adult Member Registration \$10; Family Cap \$0; Children (under 17 yrs of age) FREE

**Directions:** Make your best way to Anchorage. **From North of Anchorage:** From the main Highway: Continue straight onto E 5th Ave; Turn left onto L St; Continue onto Minnesota Dr/Walter J. Hickel Parkway; Take the exit toward Raspberry Rd; Turn left onto Jewel Lake Rd; Turn left onto Strawberry Rd; the Parish will be on the left **From South of Anchorage:** Follow AK-1 N to Raspberry Rd in Anchorage. Take the Raspberry Rd exit from Walter J. Hickel Pkwy. Turn left onto AK-1 N. Take the O'Malley Road exit. Merge onto Brayton Dr. Turn left onto O'Malley Rd/Walter J. Hickel Pkwy. Take the Raspberry Rd exit. Turn left onto Raspberry Rd. Turn left onto Jewel Lake Rd. Turn left onto Strawberry Rd; the Parish will be on the left. **From Within Anchorage:** Make your best way to Jewel Lake Rd; Turn Left onto Strawberry Rd; the Parish will be on the left.

**Selviargard Spring Offensive/  
 Baronial Birthday**

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

Celebrate the Barony of Selviargard Birthday and the Warming of Our Lands at Spring Offensive. The Barony of Selviargard 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)

**Winter's Gate Spring Championship**

Saturday June 1st, 2024

Fairbanks, Alaska

The northern cold has lifted its hold on Winter's Gate and Her Excellency Merewyn is in need of champions! Fighters, Heavy and Rapier, arm yourselves and come show your prowess and chivalry on the archery range and fighting fields that you may prove your worth to be the next Champions of Winter's Gate. Archers, your bows will be needed, but this site will not accommodate your skills, come and announce your intent to vie to be the Baronial Archery Champion so we can arrange a shoot! Artisans and Scientist, Her Excellency keenly feels the lack of having one of you as her Champion. Bring a selection of your works and projects that she may view them and choose from among you to represent her Arts & Sciences Champion.

Artisan's Here are the Rules, 1. You Must let the Baronial A&S Minister Ellisif know you wish to participate via Facebook message or email [ellisif@westkingdom.org](mailto:ellisif@westkingdom.org) 2. Display space will be half of a standard plastic folding 4-foot table, as well as the ground directly in front to lean something on. Bring what items to showcase your talents and crafts. 3. Displays will be judged by the populace and by a panel of handpicked judges. The judges will advise the Baroness of those they feel most worthy for Her consideration. The voice of the people will also be considered as part of Her Excellencies choice for her New Champion. 4. The A&S Champion will serve for one year as Champion and will be one of the judges to choose their successor. 5. The Champion's duties are to help foster and encourage the arts & sciences and may be called upon to teach at an event. There will be a Baronial Potluck in the evening. Bring a dish to share.

**Winters Gate Spring Championship Continued****Event Steward:** Anne FitzRichard ( Kathryn McKowen-Taves) **Email Address:**[annefitzrichard@westkingdom.org](mailto:annefitzrichard@westkingdom.org)**Phone Number:** 907-888-5251**Site Fee:** Donation Only**Site:** Wilderness Pavilion, Pioneer Park

1101 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK

From Airport Road turn North on to Peger Road, at approximately ¼ mile turn right into the parking lot for Canoe Alaska. This is the closest parking lot to the Wilderness Pavilion Be prepared for Mosquito's Site

**Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible Electrical Outlets

Sidewalks Close / Handicap Parking Cell Phone

Reception Amenities on Site: Stone Privies Potable

Water Shopping nearby Modern Lighting: Such as

Street/ Walkway lights Picnic Areas/ Tables

**Eskalya Three Barons' Fair**Saturday June 1st, 2024 & Saturday June 8th,  
2024*Details to come.***Hrafnfjörðr Feast of St. Columba**

Saturday June 8th, 2024

*Details to come.***June Crown Tournament**Friday June 21st, 2024 to Sunday June 23rd,  
2024

Palmer, Alaska

## Shared Bites

### Flower Infused Sugar

Spring brings you a barage of edible treats in the form of wild rose, lilac, violets, spruce tips and many more. One of my favorite spring time treats is to infuse sugars with the blooms of spring. Taking any wild flowers that are edible adding them to sugar (regular or raw sugar will work) you will have a true taste of spring to add to teas or cocktails! Add a spoon or rim your glass and get ready for a new twist to your normal bevreges!

**Recipe : 1 cup sugar to ½ cup or so of blossoms**

(you can make larger batches just use the 2 to 1 ratio)  
1 part flower blossoms: Pick your blossoms and separate them from the stems and green caps so you have nothing but blossom (Your blossoms may Change in color but its all good I promise) 2 parts of your sugar of your liking In a mason jar (use the size you need to hold the amount of sugar your making layer sugar and blossoms back and forth till your done. Then vigorously shake the jar, store in a dark cool area for about 24 hours. Your sugar may look lumpy or moist its ok pour that sugar out on a cookie sheet and let it dry for a few hours, add it back into a dried jar and let stew for 3 or 4 days shaking it a round every day to get it all melding together. Now my granny she liked to mortar and pestle it together im a modern gal so I use the food processer or nijna blender and make it my own. I put mine in small 4oz jars and give it as gifts and enjoy the stash I keep for myself.



Enjoy  
YIS Vicana

## Want ad's

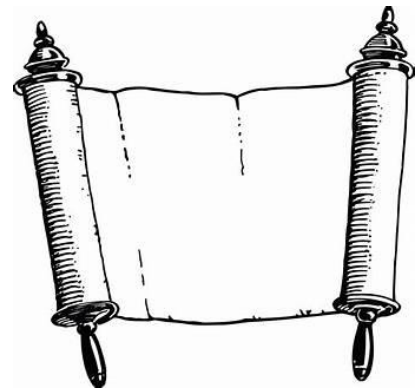
### Constable Deputy Wanted.

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 [ceara@westkingdom.org](mailto:ceara@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

## A Word from the Chronicler

Officers of the Principality are your warrants expiring soon? Are you passing your office to a Deputy? Are you renewing your warrant? Please get your ads in for your office so they can be printed in the Guardian. Remember they need to run for 3 months before the date of the current warrant expires.







*Long Live the Crown Prince & Princess of the West  
Connor & Isa*



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## OERTHAN CALENDAR

### Oertha Coronet & Investiture

Friday July 19th, 2024 to Sunday January 21st,  
2024

Anderson, Alaska

### Eskalya May Revel

Saturday May 4th, 2024

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### Earngyld 4th of July

Thursday July 4th, 2024