



# The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

## Calendar

**April 20 -- Fools' Revel**

May 3-5 -- Beltane Coronation (West)

**May 4 -- Fiber Solar**

**May 18 -- Banner Painting Workshop**

**May 13-20 -- Something at St. Boniface, specific date to be announced**

May 24-26 -- Ten-Year Celebration (Selviergard)

**June 1-2 -- Spring Captaincy**

June 7-9 -- Kingdom A&S (West)

June 8 -- Day at the Beach (Earngyld)

June 21-23 -- June Crown (West)

July 4-7 -- West/An Tir War (An Tir)

July 19-21 -- Midsummer Coronet (Eklutna Lake/Oertha Apprentices)

July 19-Aug. 5 -- Pennsic (Aethelmarc)

July 23-25 -- Sagan von Ostensee training sessions (Eskalya)

**Aug. 3-11 -- Tanana Valley Fair**

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1 -- Harvest Captaincy**

Sept. 21 -- Harvest Fest (Earngyld)

**Oct. 26-27 -- Michaelmass**

**Nov. 16-17 -- St. Boniface Collegium**

**Dec. 21 -- Yule**

Dec. 21 -- Yule (Earngyld)

June 17-27, 2016 -- 50 Year Celebration (Midrealm, Danville IN)

Fighter practices are open again at UPark Gym, but the times have changed. Due to a scheduled class, our practice is split into two times. The first is 11 am to 2:15, and the second is 4:15 to 6:15 pm. Currently, the first session will be for rapier practice (and starts around 12:30) and the latter is for heavy fighters. Please keep an eye on the elist for which is first from week to week or contact the seneschal or marshal (see regnum below). If you get there for the early session and the back door is locked, go to the building's front doors, which are usually open).

All are welcome to attend fighter practices. If you're a noncombatant, you can cheer the fighters on or work on projects. Bring your own chairs if you can. Soon we will be moving to outdoor sites. Keep an eye on the elist for when and where.

All other activities (A&S activities, guild meetings, scribal sessions, etc.) are subject to change and will be posted to the baronial email list. The above calendar includes events throughout the principality, as well as important kingdom events and wars. Those events without a listed location and in bold are local.

If you're interested in the workings of the barony, come to the monthly business meetings! They are now held at fighter practice, between the two sessions. The next one is scheduled for May 5. Keep an eye on the elist, or contact the seneschal close to the date, as it may change. (If you attend you might win an event fee waiver!)

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*From the Seneschal:*

Greetings!

West Kingdom Law requires a Baronial Leadership Confidence Polling every two years, and our time has come. The majority of the populace will be presented to Their Majesties for Their consideration as is required by this law.

This polling consists of two required questions. The first question is the actual polling question, while the second is being used as your electronic signature. Kingdom Law requires privacy to be maintained for the polling. The results of the polling are going directly into a spreadsheet, and I am the only person who has access to that spreadsheet, and I pledge your privacy will be maintained using this format.

Please take a few minutes to respond to the Confidence Polling. The polling email has been sent to the populace of Winter's Gate whose membership in the SCA is current. The Polling will close April 20, 2013, and no responses will be accepted after then, so please respond as soon as possible. If you believe you should have received a polling email, and did not, please contact me directly at [wgseneschal@gmail.com](mailto:wgseneschal@gmail.com). If you wish to add comments to be taken into consideration (whether or not a paid member), please also contact me directly.

Your Servant, Hallbiorn

*From the Chronicler:*

Most who receive newsletter are members of the barony and its outlying groups, honorary citizens, members now in exile, and friends of the barony. Others receive this because you are our neighbors, including the territorial barons and baronesses, seneschals and chroniclers (and their kingdom counterparts). If sent to you in error, please let me know.

The Gatekeeper now goes out only electronically. If you do not wish to receive it, please email me at [morgana@gci.net](mailto:morgana@gci.net) and you will be removed. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter as an attachment in the future, please also let me know.

Copy for nonlocal events is usually picked up from other newsletters and elist postings. Unless otherwise noted, local event reports were written by the chronicler and corrections and complaints should be addressed thereto. The chronicler welcomes words from any baronial officers, and guildmasters or mistresses, as well as reports of events and activities, as her mind holds only so many details and memories.

*--Morgana yr Oerfa*

### Upcoming Events:

#### **Fool's Revel:**

A Fairy World MidSpring Night's Masque

*April 20*

Come! One and all to the Barony of Winter's Gate's Fool's Revel. Celebrate the masque including a Boffer Tourney, a Feast of Fools and a performance of Oberon the Fairy Prince!

'Tis the time for foolery, costumes and celebration! In some areas of The Knowne World, Foolery in the Renaissance era was celebrated with a carnival, a time when everything was topsy-turvy, mockery and mayhem, spectacles, pageantry and nonsense. The world spins on a different axis, kings become fools, fools become kings, the Feast of Fools commences and the theatre without spotlights comes alive! The world of the fey is real and the real world fades away! All is not what it seems.

All are encouraged to wear a fairy world-themed medieval or renaissance costume.

We celebrate our Fool's Revel, by bringing our fairy world to life with medieval costumes and a medieval Masque. A Masque is a full celebration, which includes a performance of the masque Oberon the Fairy Prince by Ben Jonson, a Feast of Fools and then Court. Masques are rarely performed in the modern era, and Winter's Gate will be hosting the first Masque performed in the Principality! 'Tis a rare and unique performance.

We will also host a Boffer Tourney. All are encouraged to make their own boffer and participate. All boffers should be made of closed foam (such as pool noodles) and duct tape. the winner of the Boffer Tourney will be crowned the Rule of the Feast of Fools!

Feast of Fools: A main dish will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish enough for 10 people.

The Baroness' Whim is best comical story. The Autocrat's Whim is the best Medieval/Renaissance costume, with documentation.

Schedule of events

Noon -- site opens

12:30 -- boffer tourney registration opens

1:15 -- boffer tourney begins, after which the Ruler of the Feast of Fools is crowned

2:30 -- Foolish Dancing Class from the Ministry of Silly Dances (a subsidiary of the Ministry of Silly Walks)

3:30 -- The Subtle Art of Subtleties Class (hosted by Ellisif for kids of all ages)

#### Masque Begins

4:30 -- Oberon the Fairy Prince, organized and stage is set

5:00 -- Performance of Oberon the Fairy Prince

6:30 -- Feast of Fools commences; comedic stories told during feast

8:00 -- Fool's Court of the Masque

#### Masque Ends

9:00 -- Cleanup and Bardic following, offsite

10:00 -- Site closes

Site is the Walden Estates Community Center, 1108 Hampstead Avenue. Take your best route to Danby Road (either from College Road or the Johansen Expressway). From College Road, turn left off Danby onto Hampstead (right if coming from expressway), follow the curve around to the Community Center, located at the intersection of Bainbridge and Hampstead (watch for signs).

Remember there is an ongoing cribbage round robin tournament taking place in the barony. Please report any games you have played to Morgana, the sponsor of the competition, which ends at Spring Captaincy. Cribbage boards and cards will be available from her, as well as instruction for beginners.

Event fee is \$5 for adults (plus \$5 for adult nonmembers), \$4 ages 12 to 17, \$3 ages 6 to 11, children younger than 6 years are free, \$17 family cap.

For more information, contact the autocrats Cemper O'Breoniann (Alys Johns-Robinson, 731-334-4429, [tolkienscholar@yahoo.com](mailto:tolkienscholar@yahoo.com) or Sapphira the Navigator (Vicki Wyan), 374-0212 home, 910-723-6793 cell, [vicwyan@hotmail.com](mailto:vicwyan@hotmail.com).

## Ten Year Anniversary

### *Barony of Selviergard (Wasilla)*

*May 25-26*

Almost ten years ago, a new barony was formed in the Kingdom of the West. This barony, steeped in a long and colorful history, has grown in prowess, honor and service over the short amount of time it has been around. Now is the time to celebrate our past and welcome our future with a full weekend of activities, pulling some of the favored fun from the times of yore and new activities we enjoy today. Events include, but are not limited to:

*The Countess Constantina Junk Garb Wars.* Teams get together with a bag of horrendous fabric and two rolls of duct tape and create a masterpiece within one hour. Cutting or tearing the fabric is not allowed. The finished clothing item must be modeled by one of the team members. Get your team together now!

*Tournament of the White Stag.* What was once the popular summer event for the Canton of Inbhr na da Abhan is revitalized as a tournament in the Barony of

Selviergard. The White Stag comes forth from the mists of time and we honor him with a grand tournament! Tournament is a round robin style complete with random weapons -- you can expect a long tournament.

*Torneo del Drago (Rapier).* A "Dragon's Horde" style tournament. Those who wish to enter should bring a small item of esteem (valued at \$10 or less). The winner of the tournament gets first choice of prizes from among the horde, and so on.

*Kubb Tournament.* A recent newcomer to Selviergardian events, what has been termed the "Viking lawn bowling game" is as popular as ever. Rules are easy to pick up, but the game takes skill and patience to master.

*Beermaids of Valhalla Obstacle Course.* You probably remember this game back in the early days of the Barony. A "beermaid" must run an obstacle course while waiting on the patrons of her fine establishment. The fastest time coupled with the most amount of "beer" left in the pitcher wins!

*Quest of the Dragon.* For youth of all ages. Learn about the history of Selviergard by joining a quest! Strictly for fun and amusement. Children must be accompanied by at least one of their parents.

*Bardic Competition: Selviergard.* Bring your tales, songs or other bardic piece about the history of our Barony! Performances will be around the bardic fire on Saturday. The history can be of the distant or not-so-distant past. So bring your memories and help us learn about our group.

There will be a potluck on Saturday night, with the dessert provided. There will be no other food items available, so please plan accordingly.

Please note that in accordance with local laws, there are to be no firearms at this event. Additionally, this site is discreetly wet and absolutely no alcohol is allowed outside your own encampment.

Site is the Matanuska River Park, Mile 17 Old Glenn Highway, Palmer. Make your way to Palmer along the Glenn Highway and head North. Turn right (left if coming from the North) on East Arctic Avenue (which eventually turns into the Old Glenn Highway). Travel approximately two miles. The campground is on the left, directly after the Palmer Memorial Park. The site opens at 5 pm Friday and closes 5 pm on Sunday.

The site includes several camping options. We have reserved the camping spots near the field, flat and spacious sites that are usually used for RV camping. These sites are included with your event fee. If you wish to camp down the hill in general camping, the separate fee (paid directly to the Park) is \$10 per night. Reserved camping spaces are limited, so please contact the autocrat with your reservation, including the number of your pavilions and their approximate sizes.

Event fees: \$15 for adults (\$5 nonmember surcharge fee applies), \$6 for children up to age 12, family cap is \$42.

For more information, contact the autocrat Halfdan "Two Bears" Ózurrson (Travis Abe-Thomas), 746-4137 (before 8 pm), thomassorngrym@yahoo.com.

## **Spring Captaincy**

*Barony of Winter's Gate (Fairbanks)*

*June 1-2*

Warm weather is finally arriving and so is the time for tourneys!!! Join us for our annual spring contest to choose the next Captain of the Winter's Gate Militia and a Rapier Commander for the Winter's Gate Cavaliers.

On Saturday, there will be an Autocrat's Whim of spun fiber using drop spindles, with extra points for use of period and persona appropriate fiber. Dinner is potluck: please bring a dish that will serve 8, along with a listing of ingredients.

Sunday will be a time for fighters to practice and teach.

Site is the Moose Creek Pavilion at Pioneer Park/Alaskaland, corner of Airport Way and Peger Road. Saturday activities begin at noon and end at 9 pm (you can drive into the park before 11 am to unload, but need to park vehicles outside by then). Sunday activities start at noon and end at 5 pm. Make your best way to Airport Way. Turn on Peger Road (same direction as the "Pioneer Park" sign/toward the river). The second drive on the right is toward the canoe rentals, and that parking lot can be used for loading/unloading. To reach the pavilion, follow the signs (toward the center of the park, across the railroad tracks). From the main parking lot off Airport Way, meander toward the back of the park, around the round Bicentennial Arts Building and past the Airplane Museum, toward the back left corner of the Park.

Event fee is \$7 for adults (\$12 for nonmember adults), ages 13-17 are \$5, ages 6-12 are \$, and children under 6 are free. Checks should be made out to "SCA Inc. - Winter's Gate."

For more information contact the autocrat Hallbiorn Erlaendarson (Daniel Parrish), 2477 Sunflower Loop, North Pole 99705, 488-3986 (home), parrish@mosquitonet.com.

## **Midsummer Coronet**

*Principality of Oertha (Eklutna)*

*July 19-21*

Their Highnesses Kenric and Tama, Prince and Princess of Oertha, welcome one and all to bear witness to the selection of Their Heirs by right honorable combat at Their Coronet Tournament, July 20<sup>th</sup> and the Investiture of the victors on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Additional opportunities for fighting include a rapier tournament and rapier and armored Roses Tournaments. Details of additional festivities will be forthcoming.

### **Royal Whims**

Prince Kenric's Whim is Runestones in any mode; check out the work of the Runemaster Öpir for inspiration. Princess Tama's Whim is Merriment in any mode. For example, the members of the populace may perform a song, write a story, brew a drink, do some juggling, tell a joke, paint something funny, run a pun or limerick competition, et cetera.

### **A&S Competition**

Greetings to All! The A&S Competition for Midsummer Coronet has the theme of Spices! Sweet or sharp and full of flavor -- where would our food and drink be without them! There are two ways in which to compete, with prizes for both (and yes, you may compete in both). First, you can write a short paper (3-5 pages), with documentation, on the history and usage of a specific spice, including one period recipe in which it is used (it is not necessary to produce the recipe for tasting). Second you can prepare a period spice mixture, also documented. Examples would be powder forte or the spices used in



hypocras. Samples of the spice blend or the hypocras, for example, would be helpful for the judges. For more information, contact the A&S Minister, Margery Garret (Mikki Garret), at 456-2492, motherchaos@gci.net.

For those traveling from out-of-principality, the nearest major airport is Anchorage Ted Stevens International Airport. Please contact Caitriona inghean ui Chionaodha at catherineheroy@gmail.com if you are planning to attend and need assistance.

Please be aware, parking is at a premium at this site. We have a limit of 40 vehicles in the parking area adjacent to the group site, all other cars must be parked in the main parking area and are subject to day use parking fee of \$5/day. Parking at the group site will be first come-first served, with a number of spaces reserved for handicap tagged vehicles.

### Warning!

This site is in bear country. It is very important that you keep a clean camp and store all food properly. Do not keep food in your tents or loose in your encampment. Dispose of your trash in the appropriate containers every night (more information on that from the autocrats at the event). For more information about bear safety in Alaska, see <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=livingwithbears.main> or [dnr.alaska.gov/parks/safety/bears.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/safety/bears.htm).

There will be no food provided so please plan accordingly. Eklutna Campground is approximately 31 miles from Anchorage, 23 miles from Eagle River, and 26 miles from Wasilla. Grocery stores and restaurants are available in all those communities. There is discussion of a potluck dinner on Saturday.

Our site rental includes use of the group camp area. If you wish to camp in an individual campsite, there is a \$10/night rental fee.

Site is Eklutna Lake Campground, Mile 10, Eklutna Lake Road, Eklutna, AK. Take the Glenn Highway to the Eklutna exit (Mile 26.5). Follow the signs to the campground and enter the gate for the group camp area.

Event fee is \$15 for adults (\$5 non-member fee is applicable), \$5 for children age 5 to 15 years. Children under 5 are free; family cap \$50. Please make checks payable to "SCA, Inc.-Principality of Oertha". Site opens at 12 noon Friday and closes at 6pm Sunday. Site is discreetly wet. Please RSVP the autocrat (including tent type/size and a headcount).

For more information, contact the autocrat Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor (Claire Knudsen-Latta), 917 W. 75th Ave. #2, Anchorage 99518, [clairemargery@gmail.com](mailto:clairemargery@gmail.com), 575-1983.

### *Event Report and Thanks:*

#### **Midwinter Coronet News**

As mentioned in the previous edition, here is a more complete list of Their Highnesses Court: Head of Court -- Annora de Montfort; Ladies of the Chamber -- Aoife O'Foalain, Cymidia Macha of the Ironwood Mountains, Elisa von Sophey, Erin of Pavlok Gorod, Genevieve Beauvais, Isabel de la Hay, Margery Garret, Nemonna Vicana, Olivia de Chat of Lion's Keep, Rebecca fitz Robert, Sapphira the Navigator, and Ulfhildr Sveradottir of Nordheim; Ambassadors -- Bjarni Edwardarson i Jorvik and Cera inigena Corbbi; Ministers of Merriment -- Cempestra O'Breoniann, Elspeth Bouchannane of

Loch Lomond, Griffin Garret, Halfdan "Two Bears" Ozurrson; Heavy Champion -- Sextus Valerius Cruscillus; Rapier Champion -- Kenneth Haldane; Princess' Escort -- Brann mac Finnchad (Captain), Braun Sparrowhawk, Brendan Doyle, Ciaran Ó Caerbhaill, Fearghus mac Ronain, Colyn Jak Leslie, Ellisif a Reikiavik, Hakon Adulwolfeson, Hallbiorn Erlaenderson, Lilla aet Scaephylle, Nathan Hartman, and Thomas Ewan Jon Clary.

### **Heart Revel Report**

Heart were as warm as it was cold outside, when baronial members met to celebrate the Heart of Winter's Gate. We were graced by the presence of Her Highness Tama, who seemed most glad to be visiting 'home.'

Much socializing took place, stories were shared, dancing was taught, competitions and court were held.

At Her Highness Tama's Genevieve Beauvais was appointed Lady of the Chamber, Cempestra O'Breoniann was awarded an Argent Flame and Johana Amundsdottir received a Raven's Heart.

Winners of the were: Best Allegory -- Modesty and Vanity (Cempestra and Ellisif); Best Mask -- Cempestra & Aoife (a tie); and an honorable mention for 'worst' allegory to Vtorioi as 'Armed to the Teeth.'

Her Highness sent out the following message upon leaving Her Northern Lands: "The event was full of merriment and joy. I found myself reminiscing more than once. And it was truly wonderful to be in the branch that gave me my start at Playing the Dream. Thank you to all the old faces for sharing your recollections and the many new faces who bring new joy to this game."

And Sapphira wrote: "Don't know about the rest of you, but I had a very nice time at the event. Thanks to all who made it wonderful, especially those who are helping me learn to be a dance teacher. PS: Beware of foolish events to come!"

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Her Highness' Progress**

Greetings to Our Populace, Peers and Friends!

Thank you for all the well wishers. If you are an artisan and would like to make something to support Our Reign, please email me privately ([tamfogle@gci.net](mailto:tamfogle@gci.net)). We have a few odds and ends to get Us in shape for Our trip to Central Kingdom.

Our Progress begins shortly and We seek the names of those who are deserving of recognition within the Barony of Winter's Gate and the Shire of Earngyld. Please use the submissions link at <http://heralds.westkingdom.org/AwardRecommend.htm>.

I intend to attend the following events:

May 13-20 -- College of St. Boniface (dancing would be nice)

May 25 -- Selviargard 10th Anniversary

June 15 -- Pas d'Armes, Central West (San Francisco)

June 21-23 -- June Crown, Central West

July 19-21 -- Midsummer Coronet, Selviargard (Eklutna)

Merriment and Joy to all,

*Princess Tama*



### Baronial Activities

At the business meeting this month, various possible activities were discussed, and it was decided to hold a solar on May 4. This solar will focus on fiber arts, including lace, embroidery and weaving. Please bring a project to work on. Time is tentatively set for 2-5 pm, and will be held at the home of Margery and Griffin Garret (contact information below).

There will also be a banner-painting workshop on May 18. Time and location will be announced later. Willing hands are more important than artistic talent for this workshop! So please come and help us make some banners for future baronial event decorations.

For both of these, please keep an eye on the email list, as updated times and information will be posted there.

### Baronial Tithe

It is time once again for Winter's Gate to make its biannual report at June Crown. Her Excellency Gwyneth requests that those artisans who might have projects that they would like included in our tithe (our chance to show off), have them ready by mid-May to be sent down with those who will be attending Crown.

### Morgan Lyonel

Master Morgan Lyonel passed way on March 26 due to a heart while shoveling snow. While he did not play in the SCA for the past several years, he was an integral part of the Barony of Selviergard, especially in its formative years. Master Morgan will be fondly remembered for his fighting, his heraldic knowledge, his wonderful work as a brewer, and his cheerful attitude.

Another of our own has passed the Veil, but his memory will live on in all of us. Brew some beer, learn some heraldry, get into armor, or greet somebody you've never met with a cheerful smile and a hearty "hello." That's how Master Morgan's memory still stay with us. *--Halfdan "Two Bears" Ozurrson*

I remember Morgan from his even-earlier days in the Barony of Eskalya, where he and his Lady Wife Flanna Dunwalton began their time in the Society. I will remember the often hilarious judging of brewing competitions with him, and I will continue to miss his bear hugs. *--Morgana yr Oerfa*

### Fighting Workshop

Greetings!

I wanted to give all of the fighting community an opportunity to plan ahead. We have confirmed that Viscount Sir Sagan von Ostensee will be up here to do training sessions the three days following Midsummer Coronet weekend, July 23-25.

We have started reviewing his training techniques in an effort to get more out of his instructions this upcoming session.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me via 338-6555 home, 223-2407 cell, or at [wingedcup3@yahoo.com](mailto:wingedcup3@yahoo.com)).

Yours in Service,

*Syr Viressé de Lighthaven*

## Oertha Artisans

To my Dear Artisans of Oertha,

As some of you know, I have been trying to put together a database of the members of the populace that teach various subjects. My goal here is to create a source that anyone—whether autocrat, officer, or newcomer—can reference when they want to know who may be willing to teach a given subject. While this is a longer term project, I would like to get started on it as soon as I can and hope that the database will be in use, helping those who wish to learn, for many years.

I'm looking for classes on any subject within the Society, whether it's an Art (or Science), making things, research topics, etc. Fighting related—hitting things, stabbing things, chivalry, etc. Service of Others—autocratting, performing offices, chivalry again. Providing this information is not a promise that you will teach at a specific event, but just saying what you are willing to share your knowledge at some date, perhaps in the far future. I would be greatly appreciative if you could send this information to me, along with any questions you might have.

Information requested: Name. List of Classes you are willing to teach (whether generic like Basic Jewelry Making or more specific like Styles of Anglo-Saxon Brooches),

I would also like to know your preferred teaching format(s)—i.e. roundtable, one-on-one, small classes, and whether you are willing to spend time teaching at events or would prefer an A&S day dedicated to your subject:

I would also, if possible, like to know what subjects people would be interested in learning and attending—who knows—maybe it'll happen...

Yours in Service,

*Bránn mac Finnchad*, Deputy Arts Minister, Oertha, beorn\_se\_becaire@yahoo.com.

## Social Media Policy

Greetings West Kingdom!

I'm Anne of Bradford, the new Social Media Deputy to the West's Web Minister. As you may have noticed, the Society has adopted a social media policy. This policy affects Facebook groups and pages, Yahoo Groups and email lists. Twitter feeds and other social media avenue we use to spread information and create social ties.

What this policy means to you:

1. If you are a casual user of West Kingdom-related social media, continue to act with the courteous behavior already expected of a member of our Society.
2. If you are the autocrat of an event other than an inter-kingdom war, get your event information sent out via the official methods as usual, and use whatever social media channels are appropriate for spreading additional news and information.
3. If you are a list, page or group owner of a social media outlet that is used as an official voice of the SCA, or the autocrat of an inter-kingdom war that uses social media, this policy applies to you! It's very easy to follow:
  - (a) You will need to have two administrators for the social presence. Most Facebook pages, groups and Yahoo groups already have this (or more) in place. Please send me the social media feed name and type (e.g., West Kingdom, SCA Facebook Group), the two administrator's SCA and daily use names, email and phone numbers.
  - (b) You need to have the SCA social media disclaimer on the About page or

monthly message to members. Twitter feed owners can put "Social media disclaimer applies, contact 'x@s.com' with questions" on their profile.

(c) Social media owners are also responsible for making sure the topics and conversations are of appropriate content and courteous in demeanor. Since I've seen this in action already, I encourage you all to continue doing what you're doing!

Here's the link to the SCA's Social Media Web Page, with many good ideas and links, including a matrix to help you decide if the social media applies to your site: <http://www.sca.org/officers/socialmeida/>. See the full text of the policy, including social media disclaimer text, at <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/SCASocialMediaPolicy.pdf>.

So...All of you social media administrators/owners, if you haven't already, please contact me with your names and email addresses at [socialmedia!@westkingdom.org](mailto:socialmedia!@westkingdom.org) as soon as possible. Please contact me directly with any questions, and thank you for your help.

*In Service, Anne of Bradford, West Kingdom Social Media Deputy*

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And now for something entirely different:

### Du'ad Bob Review

I swear, it is simply amazing what you can find on DVD these days. New movies, old movies, practically unheard of movies, good movies, bad movies, TV series old and new, TV miniseries old and new, some of which you probably didn't even know existed. This month, we're going to talk about an old mini-series that you probably didn't know even existed. It dates all the way back to 1977, and stars a person who's worked pretty steadily in a wide variety of roles since then, but who at the time had only had one role (in 1975) that you might recognize. But so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you the BBC mini-series, ***Will Shakespeare***.

Starring Tim (Frank-N-Furter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, later Cardinal Richelieu in 1993's *The Three Musketeers*) Curry in the title role, with Paul Freeman as Dick Burbage, John Normington as Alex Cooke, Ron Cook as Jack Rice, Nicholas Clay as the Earl of Southampton, John McEnery as Hamnet Sadler, and Ian McShane as Christopher Marlowe, this six-episode mini-series calls itself "The acclaimed British miniseries recounting the great Bard's early years", it actually covers much of Shakespeare's adult life, from about 1590 until well after James VI of Scotland ascended England's throne as James I in 1603. Written by John Mortimer, it's probably just about as much a work of fiction as *Shakespeare In Love* was, although I feel fairly confident that it will give you a good idea of the ways in which politics and art combined, or at least affected each other, in Elizabethan England. It's interesting to see how politics and history affected the life of, and the lives of those around, Shakespeare.

Good points: The costuming. (Well, it is the BBC, after all!) They got the correct blazon for Shakespeare's coat of arms. They have the correct version of the Royal arms over Elizabeth's bedstead. The Earl of Essex's armor. The Earl of Southampton's dagger. The entire first exchange between Elizabeth I and Shakespeare. You get to hear bits and pieces of many of Shakespeare's plays throughout the entire mini-series.

Bad points: Because it's all basically fiction, it's hard to know how true to life it is. Using feathers to write with instead of quill pens. (Quill pens do not leave most of the vanes of the feathers on the shaft! They tend to get in the way of your hand when you're trying to write.) Hiring a lawyer to apply for a coat of arms. (Even then, you applied to



the College of Arms directly.) Shakespeare's son Hamnet as tyrant over his parents.

Zero breasts. 1/2 gallon of blood. Seven dead bodies. Stage sword fu. Slops fu. Dagger fu. Wrestler rolls. Gratuitous sneaking into a theater in the early morning (just about dawn). Gratuitous wrestling. Gratuitous rabbit. Gratuitous silk sheets. Gratuitous magic handkerchief reference. Gratuitous lies. Gratuitous betrayal. Academy Award nominations to Nicholas Clay as the Earl of Southampton for "And what are the arms to be? Two crossed pens and a dark lady rampant?"; and to Tim Curry as William Shakespeare for "Today's lies will be tomorrow's truth"; for "Verses are free from the Spanish sickness"; and for "Ah, love. Is that what's emptying my brain?" A mere 37 on the Vomit Meter. And, like *Shakespeare In Love*, 3-1/2 stars. Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out!"

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