

The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

Calendar

May 26-27 -- Spring Captaincy (Ellisif and Sapphira)

June 2-3 -- Three Barons Fair (Eskalya demo)

June 9-10 -- Three Barons Fair (Eskalya demo)

June 14 -- Baronial Business Meeting

June 16-17 -- Festival of William the Marshall (Eskalya)

June 22-23 -- Crown Tourney (West)

June 29-July 1 -- See the Sea (Pavlok Gorod)

July 6 -- Ft. Wainwright Library demo

July 6-7 -- West-An Tir War (An Tir/Oregon)

July 20-22 -- Midsummer Coronet & Investiture (Oertha/Selviergard)

July 27-Aug 12 -- Pennsic (Aethelmarc)

Aug. 3-12 -- Tanana Valley Fair (Saturday demos)

Aug. 11 -- Baroness' Champion (Selviergard)

Aug. 24-25 -- Purgatorio Coronation (West)

Sept. 1-2 -- Harvest Captaincy (Sapphira and Hallbiorn)

Sept. 7-9 -- Viking Revel (Eskalya)

Oct. 6 -- Michaelmas (Cemper and Margery)

Oct. 12-14 -- October Crown (West)

Oct. 27 -- All Hallow's Eve (Eskalya)

Dec. 2 -- Yule (Selviergard)

Dec. 9 -- Yule (Eskalya)

Dec. 22 -- Yule (Gwyneth)

Dec. 29 -- St. Stephen's Day (Pavlok Gorod)

Jan. 4 -- Twelfth Night Coronation (West)

Jan. 18-20 -- Midwinter Coronet & Investiture (Oertha)

Fighter practices are scheduled for 1-5 pm Sunday afternoons at Growden Park behind the big baseball field by the Carlson Center. All are welcome to attend. If you're a noncombatant, you can cheer the fighters on or work on projects. Bring your own chairs if you can.

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 business meetings! They are usually held on the third Thursday of the month, at 6 pm. The next meeting is this Thursday, June 14. Watch the elist for where and when.

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 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:

Spring Captaincy
Barony of Winter's Gate
May 26-27

Warmer weather is finally here and so is the time for tourneys!! Tourneys, do we ever have tourneys!! Join us for our annual spring contest to choose the next Captain of the Winter's Gate militia and a rapier Commander of the Cavaliers. In addition, there will be a second rapier tourney for the honor of being Baroness' Champion. There will also be L'Emprise du Loup tournaments. So here's your chance to upgrade your kit, polish your armor, and look as shiny and authentic as possible.

As well as tourneys, there will be classes! Margery Garret will teach Viking whipcord braiding. Annora de Montfort will be journeying north to our fair lands, and has most graciously offered to teach a class on the history and uses of saffron, as well as a second class on how to do research and documentation. A Page School class on armor and the rules of warfare will be taught by a "knightly person."

Arts & Sciences contests are cordials and food with flowers. On Saturday there will be a picnic lunch auction to feed the baronial coffers. Contributors, please bring an enticing lunch for two. Hungry persons should bring money to bid upon the tasty lunches and the company of the gentles who prepared them. dinner is potluck: please bring a dish that will serve eight, accompanied by a written list of ingredients for the allergic among us.

Event fees are \$7 for adult members (\$12 for non-members), ages 6-17 are \$3, and children under 6 are free. Family cap is \$20. Checks should be made out to "SCA Inc. - Winter's Gate."

Site is the Moose Creek Pavilion at Pioneer Park (Alaskaland), on the corner of Airport Way and Peger Road. Site opens at noon and will close at 9 pm daily. You may drive onto the grounds before 11 am to offload your gear, but you must park outside the

park grounds themselves. Directions: make your best way to Airport Road, turn onto Peger Road on the same side as the Pioneer Park sign. The second drive on the right is to the canoe rentals by the river, and that parking lot can be used for loading and parking. To reach the pavilion, follow the signs to the center of the park across the small-gauge railroad tracks. From the main parking lot off Airport Road, meander past the round Bicentennial Arts building toward the back left corner of the park.

For more information, contact the autocrat Ellisif a Reikiavik (Kaari Parrish), 2477 Sunflower Loop, North Pole 99705, 488-3986 home, 590-6082 cell, ellisif2@yahoo.com.

Sea the Sea

Shire of Pavlok Gorod (Kodiak)

June 29-July 1

Join the Shire of Pavlok Gorod as we celebrate summer at See the Sea!

Competitions and activities include a fencing tourney, best missile combat/siege weapon large or small, best outdoor garb (plan for rain, mist or fog, so perhaps the sun will shine), best outdoor dish (for Saturday's potluck dinner), best nautical story or song in any mode.

Instructors are being sought for classes. Expect to pay individually for materials.

Site is (tentatively) the Kodiak Fairgrounds. Notice will be posted as soon as the site is finalized. There is no event fee, but a donation basket will be available at constabulary.

For more information, contact the autocrat Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva (Tamie Everton), 3251 Katmai Drive, Kodiak 99615, 539-5259, tamfogle@gci.net.

Midsummer Coronet & Investiture

Principality of Oertha (Eagle River)

July 20-22

Their Highnesses Taran and Helyne, Prince and Princess of Oertha, welcome one and all to bear witness to Their Coronet Tournament and the selection of Their heirs by right of combat on July 21 and Their Investiture on July 22. There will be a Roses Tourney for heavy and rapier after Their heirs have been selected.

Arts and Sciences contest: best travel container. Documentation is encouraged. This includes, but is not limited to tourney boxes, tote bags, pouches, jewelry chests, sewing boxes, scribal cases, etc.

Prince Taran's Whim is Celtic/Norse knotwork in any mode. Princess Helyne's Whim is Viking stitches in any mode.

To celebrate his recent Knighthood, Sir Varyag will hold a symbel Saturday evening. Lady Lilla aet Sceaphylie will be sitting vigil Saturday evening to prepare for her elevation into the Order of the Pelican and invites all who would come to share their wisdom with her.

A ribbon roses class will be taught by Ellisif a Reikiavik. If you're interested in learning how to make these traditional Oerthan roses, please bring the following supplies: 1.5" wide ribbon, floral wire, tape and and leaves, as well as needle and thread.

Please be reminded that this is bear country! All food and beverages not intended for immediate consumptions should be kept in hard-sided vehicles. No exceptions! For safety, please keep a clean camp and a close eye on children at all times.

There will be no food provided, so please plan accordingly. If you wish to participate, a potluck feast is planned for Saturday evening. The site is discreetly wet.

Our site rental includes use of the group camp area. If you wish to camp in an individual campsite there is a \$15/night rental fee. Limited site reservations are available through Lifetime Adventures at www.lifetimeadventures.net/campgrounds/. Also, if you park in the campground's day use parking area there is a \$5 parking fee.

The site is the Eagle River Campground, Hesterberg Road, Eagle River. Site opens at noon Friday and closes at 6 pm Sunday. To get to the campground, take the Glenn Highway to the Hiland Road exit (Mile 12). Follow the signs to the campground and enter the gate for the group camp area.

Event fee is \$15 per adults (+\$5 non-member fee), \$5 for children 5-15 years of age, and a family cap fee of \$50. Children under 5 years are free. Please make checks payable to "SCA Inc - Principality of Oertha."

For more information and to rsvp (including tent type and size, and a head count), contact the autocrat, Trava Zapadova (Trava Ridlon), 5913 N Solitude St., Wasilla 99623, 715-9628, travaridlon@yahoo.com.

From the Constable

I'm beginning to make plans for constab rounds during this summer's coronet. I would like to have a tent manned at all times and am looking for volunteers to do rounds during the evening time, as well as watch for the wild animals that make camping in Alaska so much fun.

If you would contact me (chiversii@yahoo.com, 952-4094) and let me know if you are willing and able to stand with me at constab point, I hope to set up a list and schedule rounds so that other a few people are locked into constabulary service for the entire event.

Yours in Service, Colyne Jak Leslie

Event Report:

Fool's Revel

Much fun and silliness prevailed at Fool's Revel, under the blue skies of a bright and sunny spring day. Various people 'fooled' around, and a fanciful Pas for the traditional fighters took place, which the newly-transplanted Duke Skeggi won.

This was followed by the rapier tourney for the Champion of St. Boniface. Those who fought in the tourney were Hallbiorn Erlaendarson and Ellisif a Reiviavik (fighting for each other), Sevastion and Angela (fighting for each other), Rafael (fighting for Talia), and Felix Emmanuel (fighting for Morgana yr Oerfa). The tourney was round robin and Sevastian and Felix tied and fought a best two out of three finals, in which Felix defeated Sevastian in the third round.

Morgana taught a very basic beginning heraldry and many people competed for the 'honor' of the worst heraldic device. Jojo and Tempest tied for the worst heraldry among the youngest children; Genevieve Beauvais won the teen-aged category, and Greteke inn Little narrowly defeated the truly hideous entries of Felix Emmanuel and Sapphira.

All were amazing eye-hurting. Khevron won the filk competition, and Ellisif won the tart competition with her amazing subtletie of a dragon.

At evening court, Baroness Gwyneth thanked Angela and Felix for their enthusiastic participation in the day's events, honored Ellisif a Reikiavik and Aine Barleg of Mynydd Seren with Baroness' Recognitions, appointed Felix Emmanuel and Morgana yr Oerfa as Champion and Inspiration of St. Boniface, and appointed Khevron Oktavii Tihkovich Vorotnikov as the new Baronial Fool. Their Highnesses reaffirmed the Award of Arms of Rahl Schumann, and accepted fealty and homage.

Miscellaneous

Royal Progress

The following are events at which Their Highnesses pan to attend:
May 26-27, Winter's Gate Captaincy
June 16-17, Eskalya, Festival of William the Marshal (Her Highness)
July 20-22, Summer Coronet

Winter's Gate Arts & Sciences Classes

Other than classes announced for Spring Captaincy this weekend, watch the elist for announcements regarding a silk painting class and a dyeing class, both of which will probably be taught in June. House Odin's Hammer will post periodic Viking-oriented classes and workshops, to which all are invited (see below for the first).

House Odin's Hammer Invitation

Greetings Unto the Barony of Winter's Gate! House Odin's Hammer would like to extend an open invitation to the gentles in the Barony to attend a Viking Clothing work session at our home on June 2, from 10 am until . . . (well, you know how this works).

Viking Clothing Construction: we will assist with the cutting and construction of under tunics, underdresses, over tunics, apron dresses, pants and head coverings. This is open to all, and you can come when can during the day.

Bring the fabric you need to create your new ensembles. Traditional fabrics were linen, cottons and wools. Men: under and over tunics, 3 yards of fabric; pants, 3 yards of fabric. Ladies: underdresses, 3-5 yards depending on the width of the fabric and size of the body; head coverings, 1/2 yard of linen or cotton.

We will follow up this class on Sunday at fighter practice with a class on seam treatments and decorative stitching.

This is a hands-on learning opportunity: we will help you learn these new skills so you will be able to construct your own garments in the future. All patterns are going to be of a Viking flavor: we will not be able to assist clothing other barbarians at this time.

We will have the grill available for folks to cook meat and ask that you provide your own eat and a dish to share. We will provided koolaid, water, and tea.

Our address is 929 Gulovin Court, Fairbanks. For more information or directions, call 907-888-6776. See you there!

Yours in Service,

Viscountess Dagmar of House Odin's Hammer and Baroness Gwyneth

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And now for something entirely different:

Du'ad Bob Review

It sounded just too good to pass up. I mean, this particular flick had a lot of potential. The director, a well-known name who had done a number of period pieces very well in the past. The story, a well-known one from the pen of one of the greatest playwrights of all time, in any language. The music, also by a name that should be familiar. The leading man, one of the tops in his field. So, like I say, just a boatload of potential. So what is it I'm talking about? The director: Franco Zeffirelli (*Romeo and Juliet*, *The Taming of the Shrew*). The author: William Shakespeare. The composer: Giuseppe Verdi. The leading man: Placido Domingo. So, potential coming out the wazoo, right? And it didn't (mostly) disappoint. What didn't disappoint? The 1986 film by Zeffirelli of Verdi's opera of Shakespeare's play starring Placido Domingo, **Otello**.

Starring Placido Domingo as Othello, Katia Ricciarelli as Desdemona, Justino Diaz as Iago, Petra Malakova as Emilia, Urbano Barberini as Cassio (but voiced by Ezio Di Cesare), Massimo Foschi as Lodovico (voiced by John Macurdy), Edwin Francis as Montano (voiced by Edward Toumajian), Sergio Nicolai as Roderigo (voiced by Constantin Zaharia), Remo Remotti as Brabantio (voiced by Giannicola Pigliucci), and Antonio Pierfederici as the Doge, this is, as with other films of the same name, the classic story of the green-eyed monster, jealousy, manipulated by a false friend for his own ends. It begins later in the story than the usual productions of this play, starting as it does in Cyprus, after Othello and Desdemona's marriage. All that is usually in the first act of the play of Othello and Desdemona's relationship is shown through the use of flashbacks. It being one of Shakespeare's tragedies, nearly everyone dies in the end. And, of course, in this version, everyone sings everything. In Italian. (Fortunately, the DVD offers subtitles in three different languages.)

Good points: Great music. The costuming (mostly). (As one would expect, when the costumes were by one firm in Florence and three in Rome. The Italians are pretty good at Italian costume.) There is a decent use of flags and heraldry. The armor. Desdemona doesn't take as long to die as that other operatic heroine, Carmen. (Othello, on the other hand)

Bad points: Singing about what is, basically, predestination. (Was I predestined to have to listen to that? Was I predestined to then write about it this way?) Some of Desdemona's costuming is, umm, "suspicious". I'm not saying it isn't period; I'm just not saying that I think it is.

Zero breasts. No blood. Four dead bodies. (Plus a few more off screen.) Sword fu. Scimitar fu. Polearm fu. Spear fu. Dagger fu. Waves roll. Ship tosses. Iago rolls. Othello rolls. Gratuitous storm. Gratuitous sword kissing. Gratuitous Gypsy dancing girls. Gratuitous whirling dervishes. Gratuitous chickens. (No, really!) Gratuitous candles. If there's a moral to this tale, it's probably that "Signs of infidelity are where you look for them." Academy Award nomination to Franco Zeffirelli as the director for keeping it from simply being a film version of a stage opera; and to Placido Domingo as Othello for "Nothing is worse than suspicion" and for condemning his wife on the basis of a

handkerchief. A 43 on the Vomit Meter. 2½ Stars. Da'ud Bob says (or sings, in true operatic style), "Check it out!"

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