



# The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

## Calendar

**Feb. 16 -- Heart Revel** (Margery)

Feb. 24-March 4 -- Estrella (Atenveldt)

**Feb. 27 -- Baronial Business Meeting**

March 9 -- Collegium (Selviergard)

March 22-23 -- March Crown (West)

**April 20 -- Fools' Revel**

May 3-5 -- Beltane Coronation (West)

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

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

June 8 -- Ice Saints/Beltane (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 -- 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 later 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.

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! Our seneschal's work schedule has been changed somewhat, and so the February meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, starting at 5:30 pm for a short St. Boniface meeting, followed by the baronial meeting. Usually at Pizza Hut on College Road, the location may change for this meeting. Keep an eye on the elist, or contact the seneschal close to the date. (If you attend you might win an event fee waiver!)

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### *From the Princess:*

Once upon a time, there was a young mother who was trying to learn how to make bread. The loaves smelled terrific but were hard as bricks. She ran into this woman on a cooking list who gave her some pointers and who said "If you are ever in Fairbanks look me up." Schooling loomed nigh, so our young mother and her two children did indeed look up this lady, who invited her to dance practices at the "Wood Center." The dancing, it turns out, was part of this larger organization, which we know as the Society for Creative Anachronism. And the nice lady who cooked and invited complete strangers to come and play was the Baroness Morgana. At the Winter Coronet ceremony in AS XXXII, the young mother, known at that time as Tamitsa, received an AA from Nicholas and Alyssa. Who knew that she would receive the Coronet as Princess exactly 15 years later?

Today, I look back upon a year of grief and change in my life and thank all the Powers That Be that I have this SCA family to play with. You, as a whole and individually, have kept me going. And so, the theme of Our Reign is Merriment. Dancing got me into this, and the joy of singing, storytelling, juggling, puns, libations and so many other enjoyable pursuits have kept me here. Share your stories with each other. Learn to juggle. Put on a play. Whether you laugh, chuckle, or grimace in wry

amusement, we ar Playing a Dream and I am actively seeking examples of merriment to enjoy. We asked Our Ministers of Merriment to add ribbons to staves so that I can hear the tale of each ribbon as We Progress through Our Principality.

And for the length of Our Reign, just remember “it is all Baroness Morgana’s fault.” Bless her and all of you for the love, acceptance, joy and just plain fun you have shared over the past fifteen years!

In Humble Service, I am Your Princess,  
Tama

### *From the Seneschal:*

I am pleased to announce that Saphira the Navigator has agreed to be my deputy. My term of office expires in September and being your seneschal has been a fun experience for me.

The laws of the West Kingdom require a polling of confidence of the Baroness. The relevant portion of the law is: “Section 16.1: At least every two years, each territorial Barony will conduct a polling of confidence.” I am discussing the process with the kingdom seneschal.

There are a couple of recent policy changes that have come down from Society:

1. In January the Board of Directors (BoD) adopted a change that allows same sex consorts in coronet and crown tournaments with the approval of the Crown.

2. Another recent policy change affects the use of social media by SCA groups. These rules and guideless affect social media pages or accounts that are open to the public, but not those pages or accounts that require subscription. The Barony of Winter’s Gate Facebook page falls under these rules while the Yahoo list does not.

There are three “Core Principals of the Social Media Policy” that affect the geneal use of our Facebook page:

“c. Content placed on social media must not contain inappropriate, offensive, or confidential material and must respect principles of trademark and intellectual property.

“d. All participants engaged in using social media, from Society and branch officers to owners and administrators to the general audience shall display courteous behavior.

“e. Social media is not an approved method of distributing official information. However, groups may redistribute information already disseminated according to other applicable policies.”

There are other aspects of the policy that affect the actual administration of the pages, and those will be covered in the next business meeting.

Speaking of which, the next business meeting will be Feb. 27 from 6-8 pm, the location of which will be announced on the Yahoo list.

Thank you, 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:

**Heart's Revel**

*Barony of Winter's Gate (Fairbanks)*

*February 16*

*"To Wear Your Heart Upon Your Sleeve"*

The Barony welcomes one and all to a Masquerade of the Heart. Come join us in the warmth of revelry, friendship, and love. There will be dancing, games for all ages, and a bardic later in the evening.

We invite you to dress in your finery and bring a masque to wear. We also throw out the challenge to dress as your favorite allegory. For those who may need some assistance, an Allegory is a representation of an abstract or spiritual meaning through concrete or material forms, a figurative treatment of one subject under the guise of another. In other words, to show you are "green with envy" you could combine dressed all in green with green face paint. There will be a prize for the best costume.

The Arts and Sciences competition is for the best masque, and as always, documentation is encouraged.

Please bring a finger food to share that feeds at least eight people, including an ingredient list to accommodate those with food allergies. There will be Digby's cheese (and possibly that New World chocolate) provided for dipping. Site is discreetly wet.

The site will open at 4 pm and close at 10 pm. It is located at at the Walden Estates Community Center, 1108 Hampstead Ave. The best way there is via Danby Road either from College Road or the Johanssen Expressway. Turn off Danby to Hampstead (left coming from College, right from the expressway). Follow the curve around; the community center is located at the intersection of Bainbridge and Hampstead.

Event fee is \$5 for members (\$10 for non-members), with a \$20 family cap. Ages 12 and under are free. Please make checks to "SCA Inc.-Barony of Winter's Gate."

For more information, please contact the autocrat, Margery Garret (Michele Griffin), at 590-0868 (cell, don't leave a message), [motherchaos@gci.net](mailto:motherchaos@gci.net).

**Spring Collegium**

*Barony of Selviergard (Wasilla)*

*March 9*

Come join the Barony of Selviergard for this year's Spring Collegium -- a full day of classes on any number of subjects. A full schedule and class information will be posted closer to the event date.

Currently there are 9-10 classes lined up, and two class tracks are planned. Therefore, there are still some slots available for classes. Please contact the autocrat if you are interested in teaching a class.

Confirmed classes are: miniature icons, redacting period recipes, Varangians, Russian clothing, fused link chain, and a class on the Moshchevaya Balka finds. More are being decided upon.

The site is the Boys and Girls Club of America, 3700 E. Bogard Rd., Wasilla 99654. Site opens at 11 am and closes at 7 pm.

Event fee is \$5 adults, children under 12 are free. Non-member surcharge (\$5) will be in place.

For more information, contact Bránn mac Finnchad, [beorn\\_se\\_bacaire@yahoo.com](mailto:beorn_se_bacaire@yahoo.com), 414-0063 (cell).

**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.

Activities are still being planned, but will include: The Countess Constantina Junk Garb War, a Kubb Tournament, a Field of Honor a Selviergardian History display, singing, dancing, and of course, lots of food. Have some ideas for other activities? Remember a favorite game that we used to play? Let the autocrat team know about it so we can add it in!

More information about the event will be released as plans are finalized. For more information, contact the autocrat Halfdan "Two Bears" Ózurrson (Travis Abe-Thomas), 746-4137 (before 8 pm), [thomassorngrym@yahoo.com](mailto:thomassorngrym@yahoo.com).

**Midsummer Coronet**  
*Principality of Oertha (Ekultna)*  
*July 19-21*

Apprentices of Oertha!

What is it you need most to impress your Laurel with diligence and ability to tackle period projects on a large scale?

That's right! A Major Project! And do I have one for you!

Summer Coronet promises to be unique among coronets. It is *not* being hosted and autocratted by any particular branch or household. It is being autocratted by the Apprentices of Oertha under the guidance and consultation of Magistra Cynehild. (Why? Because she's *my* Laurel and it's my idea, so there.)

Think of the possibilities: this is our chance to show what we can do with a whole event as a canvas. There's pageantry & heraldic displays & food & beautifying scenery (parking lot camouflage, anyone?) & even entertainment & games, all for a Russian Princess. Why, just think of all the research we can do!

This fantastic opportunity is open to every apprentice who wishes to join in (after getting the blessing of their Laurel, of course), and the more the merrier. Please contact me at ellisif3@yahoo.com so we can start brainstorming.

Thank you in advance to everyone!

Apprentice Ellisif

### *Event Report and Thanks:*

#### **Midwinter Coronet News**

For those who weren't able to attend Midwinter Coronet, you missed a fun event. The event was graced by the presence of Their Majesties Obadiah and Ascelin. His Majesty looked very "Christmasy." Eilis O'Boirne made her semi-annual trek, bringing with her Vesper Herald, Moiria O'Connor.

Coronet Tourney was double elimination with Schlagen rounds and had eight contestants: Colyne Jak Leslie (for Isabel de la Haye), Hallbiorn Erlaendarson (Ellisif a Reikiavik), Kenneth Haldane (Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor), Kenric Maur (Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva), Lamorak d'Pellinor (Anna de Caterina Neri), Lilla aet Scaephylle and Nathan Hartman (for each other), and Sextus Valerius Cruscillus (Nemonna Vicana). Kenric Maur and Sextus Valerius Cruscillus met in the finals, and Kenric was victorious in a hard fought and lively bout.

As usual, various courts took place. Saturday morning, Their Majesties honored Úlfhildr Severradóttir with an Award of Arms (AA). Their Highnesses Rurik Varyag and Trava honored Braun Sparhawk with an AA, and Leona the Mouse and Adam with Silver Ulus.

At Saturday evening court, Their Majesties appointed Hallbiorn Erlaendarson and Ellisif a Reikiavik Court Baron and Baroness, and appointed Bránn mac Finnchad as Queen's Artisan. Their Highnesses Rurik Varyag and Trava honored Hallbiorn Erlaendarson and Rowena Maria de las Flores with the Diamond Willow, and Angelina, Catríona inghean ui Chionaodha, Cyrus Aurelius and Sebastian Agafangilovich Golyitsia were awarded the Oerthan Order of Grace.

On Sunday, Their Majesties honored Colyn Jak Leslie with an Ash Leaf, Playne Clover of Foxfield with a Western Lily, and Clare Elena de Montfort and Cyrus Aurelius received the Queen's Order of Grace. At Their final court before Investiture, Rurik Varyag and Trava awarded Cempestra O'Breoniann with a Snowy Owl. Bránn mac Finnchad, Cyrus Aurelius, and Georg of Glacier's Edge were honored with the Order of the Glove. An incomplete list of recipients of the Princess' Riband are Bianca Rose Byrnes, Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor, Eilis O'Boirne, Ellisif a Reikiavik, Georg of Glacier's Edge, Katarzina Porajski, Nemonna Vicana, Sextus Valerius Cruscillus, and Thomas.

The winners of the arts & sciences competitions were announced: heraldic display of arts -- Úlfhildr Severradóttir for her beautiful blue and white beads; Princess' Whim of shortbread cookies -- Annora de Montfort of Shadowood (and her wolf cookie cutter); and Playne Clover of Foxfield for her entry in the Prince's Whim of a bardic presentation

creatively glorifies violence in battle.

During Investiture court, Their Highnesses Kenric and Tama appointed the following persons to Their Court: Sextus Valerius Cruscillus and Kenneth Haldane as Heavy and Rapier Champions respectively, Bjarni Edwardarson i Jorvik and Cera inigena Corbbi as Ambassadors, and Cempestra O'Breoniann, Elspeth Bouchannane of Loch Lomond, Halfdan "Two Bears" Ózurrson and Margery Garret as Minister of Merriment.

A more complete list of Their Highnesses Court, and additions and corrections to the awards received over the weekend will be published in the next newsletter. Your Chronicler apologizes for the omissions and probable errors, but those quill pens can only write so fast.

### **Coronet Thanks**

Unto the Populace of Oertha,

We are deeply humbled to have served our fair Principality in this fashion and we wanted to take a moment to thank all of those individuals who made an event like this run so easily.

Thank you to Their Highnesses for allowing us the opportunity to serve as autocrats.

For their tasty foods (their Silver Ulus were well deserved!) -- Adam, Leona the Mouse, and to Richard who helped with the prep for the food, but was not at the event.

Nemonna Vicanna for making sure there was plenty of coffee and hot water for teas and hot beverages.

For the wonderful Nightly Virtues Banners as well as the loan of the cooking roaster for the soups, Georg of Glacier's Edge and Katarzina Porajski, and to all those who brought banners to decorate the hall -- thank you.

The brute squad -- for helping to truck and load tables to and from the event as well as to help set them up, Astrin Straitarrow, Gavan Woodward, Kegan, Hallbiorn Erlaendarson, Halfdan "Two Bears", Sextus Valerius Cruscillus, Fergus, Kenneth Haldane, Lamorak d'Pellinore, Bránn mac Finnchad and Hakon Adulwolfeson.

Helping with getting the hall ready, taking care of Their Majesties, Highnesses, and general "what do you needs" -- Angela, Gavan Woodward, Kegan, Celestria Textrix, Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha, Clare Elena de Montfort, Lilla aet Scaephylle, Colin Jak Leslie, Nemonna Vicanna, Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Sea, Ellilsif a Reikiavik, Hallbiorn Erlaendarson, Sextus Valerius Cruscillus, Fergus, Kenneth Haldane, Isabel de la Haye, and Morgana yr Oerfa.

Clover of Foxfield for the wonderful bardic -- it was nice to have you home!

Thank you to everyone for helping us clean up and get out of the site on time.

Thank you to the following for their additional help: Cyrus Aurelius for his awesome support in helping clean up (he vacuumed the entire hall, not a small feat!), Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha, Gavan Woodward, Kegan, Colin Jak Leslie, Clare Elena, Fergus, and Hakon Adulwolfeson.

If we have forgotten anyone, please, please, forgive us and let us know so that we can acknowledge your support, for it is in all of our efforts that the wonder of this Dream continues!

Ellisif for the wonderful rolls -- yummy.

And a special thank you to Annah Narie, in whom this Pelican is so very proud of her protege that words cannot convey!

Yours in Service,

Anna de Caterina Neri and Viressé de Lighthaven, autocrats

### 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). 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:

Feb. 15 -- Hearts Revel, Winter's Gate

Feb. 23 -- something in Earngyld

April 6 -- Fantastic Fairytale Fete, Pavlok Gorod

April 13 -- Cherry Blossom Festival, Eskalya

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

May 25 -- Selviergard 10th Anniversary

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

June 21-23 -- June Crown, Central West

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

Merriment and Joy to all,

*Princess Tama*

#### 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

#### Regalia Refurnishing

A current thought and plan is to gradually re-paint the Guardsmen's baldrics so that they are once again the Oertha colours of royal blue and white. Are there any comments or objections regarding this plan? I am also curious about some of the history on these artifacts, like how long ago some nameless soul decided that they should be black...

Please contact me at 775-7993 (home, not the wee hours). 414-0063 (cell), or [beorn\\_se\\_bacaire@yahoo.com](mailto:beorn_se_bacaire@yahoo.com).

Bránn mac Finnchad, Captain of the Guard



## 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.

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*And now for something entirely different:*

### **Du'ad Bob Review**

Did you ever to go watch a movie just knowing that it was going to be good? Even though you didn't know just how good it was going to be? Well, that's what anticipating watching the movie for this month's review was like. I knew it was going to be good. I just didn't know how very good it was going to be. I mean, first off, it's Shakespeare. Good, right? Second, it was a production by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Also good, right? The director was Trevor Nunn, he of the minimalist sets and great camera framing, who has done a number of Shakespeare productions in the past. And finally, it starred Ian McKellen, who is a great actor in anybody's book. So you know that it's going to be good, right? Really good. But ... wow! I really wasn't quite prepared for just how good it was going to be. And I'd seen – and reviewed – productions of this play starring such luminaries as Laurence Olivier and Orson Welles. But so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you what may be the very best production to date of Shakespeare's ***Othello***.

Starring Willard White in the title role, with Ian McKellen as Iago, Imogen Stubbs as Desdemona, Sean Baker as Cassio, Michael Grandage as Roderigo, Zoë Wanamaker as Emilia, Clive Swift (perhaps better known to many of you as Hyacinth Bucket's ["That's Boo-kay"] long-suffering husband, Richard) in a dual role as Brabantio and later in Cyprus as Gratiano, John Burgess in a dual role as the Duke of Venice and later as Lodovico, Philip Sully as Montano, and Marsha A. Hunt as Bianca, this production is basically a filmed version of a stage play. As a consequence, the sets and the action are limited, so it does not have the sweep of the Orson Welles or Kenneth Branagh productions of the same play, but what it lacks in scope it more than makes up for (1) in being a more complete version (at nearly 3½ hours!) of the play than heretofore done, allowing you to see in greater detail and with more understanding some of the

motivations of the characters, and (2) in the acting. This is, without a doubt, probably the very best production of *Othello* I have seen. It is set rather vaguely sometime in the mid-1800's (as close as I could tell from the costuming), but nothing in the play was relying on that setting; it could have been any time.

Good points: It's all Shakespeare's words. Othello has a great voice! (When Othello first appeared, somewhat in shadows, he sounded a lot like Michael Dorn, *Star Trek's* Worf.) Iago as jester and poet, a side of him not seen in most other productions. The soldiers getting drunk scene. Othello's boots. Othello's kaftan. Comparing men to stomachs.

Bad points: If I heard the words "honest" and "Iago" used in the same sentence one more time, I would probably have snapped. ("Methinks the lady doth protest too much." It was used so often that you couldn't help but disbelieve it.) At times, the action seemed a little slow.

Zero breasts. 1/4 gallon of blood. Four dead bodies. Sword fu. Dagger fu. Purloined handkerchief fu. Rodrigo rolls. Iago rolls. Desdemona rolls. Lightning flashes. Thunder booms. Gratuitous temper tantrum (literally lying on the floor and kicking). Gratuitous spiking the wine. Gratuitous "puddled spirit." Academy Award nominations to Willard White for being one of the best Othello's ever; to Ian McKellen for showing us a side of Iago that most other productions have not; to Imogen Stubbs for creating one of the most understandable and appealing of Desdemona's; and to Zoë Wanamaker for being perhaps the best Emilia yet. A 54 on the Vomit Meter. 3-1/2 Stars. Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out!"

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