



The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

Calendar

Feb. 15 -- Heart's Revel (Elisheva autocrat)
Feb. 25-Mar. 3 -- Estrella War (Atenveldt)
March 15 -- Newcomers' Event (Sapphira autocrat)
April 16 -- Fool's Revel (Margery)
Mar. 7-9 -- West Coast Culinary Symposium (West)
Mar. 15 -- Collegium (Eskalya & Selviergard)
Mar. 21-23 -- March Crown (West)
May 2--4 -- Beltane (West)
May 24-25 -- Spring Captaincy (Hallbiorn autocrat)
June 14 -- Games Day & Hunt (Cemper)
June 20-22 -- June Crown (West)
July 4-7 -- West-An Tir War (West)
July 19-21 -- Midsummer Coronet (Oertha)
July 25-Aug 8 -- Pennsic War (East)
Aug. 2 & 9 -- Tanana Valley Fair Demos
Aug. 30-31 -- Harvest Captaincy
Sept. 7 -- UAF Club Fair

Oct. 18 -- Michaelmass Feast (Margery)

Nov. 15-16 -- St. Boniface Collegium

Dec. 20 -- Yule

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

Fight practices are currently on Sundays from 11am to 2 pm at University Park School on University Avenue. Go in the back entrance by the dumpsters; the gym is directly to the left. 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 have them, and a project to work on.

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. Keep an eye on the elist, or contact the seneschal for the exact date. (If you attend you might win an event fee waiver!)

From the Prince and Princess:

Thank you all for attending Midwinter Coronet and Investiture. We would like to give special thanks to Their Majesties Thorfinn and Violante, as well as Their Highnesses of the The Mists and Cynagua. Thanks as well to Mistress Anna de Katerina Neri for autocrating such a wonderful and successful event.

The theme of Our Reign is Viking. We would love to see Viking weapons, clothes, food, and anything else that inspires your creativity. We look forward to seeing a wealth of creation from Our great Oerthan artisans. His Highness' Whim is embroidery on patches and clothing. Her Highness' Whim is Viking garb.

Remember we grow by with our newcomers, so the more we can bring in, the more fun we all will have. Also, once we bring them in, we have to stick with them and help them become citizens and encourage them in turn to bring in more. There will be a prize for the person who brings in the most paid members at the end of Our Reign.

We would encourage you all to put aside funds to attend the selection of Our Heirs this summer in Pavlok Gorod. We look forward to a wonderful Reign, and are delighted to have another chance to serve you, Our populace.

Kenric and Dagmar, Prince and Princess

From the Baron and Baroness:

Bran and I would like to thank all who attended Coronet and fought in the lists. The fighting was wonderful and inspiring.

We would also like to thank all those who contributed to the largesse and provided Winter's Gate the opportunity to gift Their Majesties, Their Highnesses of The Mists and Cynagua, and the incoming and outgoing Highnesses of Oertha.

Specifically, we would thank for their generosity, Lady Iriniia, Lady Elisheva, Viscountess Gwyneth, Mistress Margery, Mistress Morgana, Baroness Ellisif, Lady Revekka ((me)), and Princess Lilla (for the coffee).

Bran and I love the spirit of giving. Being able to share the bounty of Winter's Gate is a special gift. Knowing that Winter's Gate is willing to share such bounty and work with Us to supply such wonderful gifts is in itself a gift beyond measure, as the items do not come from Braun and I, but from the heart of the populace.

Thank you again, and may your cup always be full,
Bran and Cemper, Baron and Baroness

Business Meeting Note:

Seneschale -- Our event dates for the year are approved and on the Kingdom Calendar. Heart Revel copy now on website and Facebook and published on the elist. Newcomers will be held at Walden Estates, potluck with barony providing meat dish, with Kubb and other games. Fool's Revel will also be held at Walden Estates with a Rubber Ducky theme; games to include Skeggi Standee (pin the tail on the duke); Baron's Whim is peas dishes. Games Day will be camping at Chena Lakes, and will include installation of Summer Court. Michaelmass event fee may include a discount for cans of food to be donated to the Food Bank.

The barony has around 7 fighters, members are earning awards, and the Barony is in good standing with the Kingdom and SCA Inc.

Baronial business meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 2 pm at the fighter practice site. The next one is February 23, followed by March 30, April 27 and May 31, etc., until we change them.

A&S -- Margery is looking for a deputy successor, or someone to do the local work while she continues to make the reports. Elisheva said she might be willing to take the position this summer.

Exchequer -- There is around \$4500 in the bank, and the signature cards should be updated soon, now that the principality exchequer position has changed over.

Heralds -- Courts have happened and were reported. Morgana is working on getting records to Hirsch for the History Page. People are keeping Khevron busy working on arms and names.

Chatelaine -- Sheva inquired about the possibility of a Chatelaine's Point, or newcomer tokens. Elena has custody of Gold Key.

Coronet is taking place in Pavlok Gorod. Hallbiorn is organizing a baggage UHaul. If you want space for your gear on it, contact him regarding space and share of rental/ferry fee. Options for getting there are driving and ferrying, or flying. Housing includes B&Bs, crashing with SCA folks there (need to contact the autocrat), camping on site. No firearms are allowed on the site.

St. Boniface is holding weekly meetings on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 in Gruening 405. It was suggested they take up Page School to learn about the SCA.

(Thanks to Khevron for relaying this info to the Chronicler. Any errors must be inscription errors on her part.)

From the Herald's

Greetings!

Lots of congratulations on recent Registered Armory. From the December kingdom heralds meeting, the following was reported as officially passed and registered:

Verica of Lighthaven -- Azure, a winged chalice and in chief between the wingtips three mullets of six points one and two Or.

Magdalena Georg'eva Oshitkovna Ochakovicha -- Per fess vert and azure, a mermaid in her vanity argent tailed Or between in chief two flamingos statant respectant argent.

Bran Sparrowhawk -- Vert, a bend sable fimbriated argent, overall a talbot rampant contourny maintaining a mug Or.

Elisheva bint Sitt al-Sirr (change adding one rose) -- Sable, three roses in pale and a gore Or.

These will be up shortly on the Oertha Armorial. They're already displaced on the Facebook Oertha page, and will later be on the West Kingdom Roll of Arms and Who's Who pages.

The next Western Meeting is in just a couple weeks. Let me know when you're ready to send paperwork in to get your device and name in the works!

Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov, Wolfhound Herald

From the Chronicler:

I am always looking for short articles (A&S projects, history, adventures in period cooking, etc.) and stories of people and events to include in the newsletter. Especially stories! We are losing our history of past events, and current events become past events all too soon. I encourage you to make a contribution to the newsletter from time to time. Send them to me offlist.

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:

Heart Revel
Barony of Winter's Gate

February 15

Let a little love warm you through the final cold gasps of winter and deliver you into a beautiful spring! This year, Heart Revel will revolve around the Greek Goddess Aphrodite and her Roman counterpart, the Goddess Venus. Her Highness Dagmar is expected to be in attendance.

All traditional/heavy and rapier fighters pray attend, as there will be a tourneys in which the Baroness' Champions will be selected! Be sure to present yourselves to the Lists Minister in order to honor the Baroness by winning the tourney to become one of Her Champions.

There will also be an Arts & Sciences competition for items that make one look, smell and feel beautiful (i.e. scented salves, period cosmetics, or those fun time undergarments). Did you take Lady Elena's class on perfumes this past collegium? Did you take the class on 14th Century clothing, where nifty unearthed undergarments were revealed? Do you know how cosmetic were made "back in the day?" If so, then you have a good solid starting point for the A&S competition!

Her Excellency's Whim is period bling and His Excellency's Whim is crafted token for the fighters to wear for their inspiration. So, break out those jewelry supplies and fancy Her Excellency's Whim by creating some epic period bling! We cannot forget His Excellency, whose Whim can be tickled by presenting favors crafted to represent one's honor on the field of battle!

Additionally, let us have a mini feast presented by the kitchen minions! The Baroness of Winter's Gate and her Artisan have taken on the challenge, under the direction of Baronial Head Cook Ellisif, of a simple two-course mini feast. Each course will have two small dishes prepared in either Greek or Roman fashion. It is respectfully requested that those wishing to participate in the mini feast bolster said foods by bringing either a simple dish or dessert that would feed up to eight people.

First Course, inspired by the Goddess Aphrodite: Dolma (grape leaves stuffed with rice, pine nuts, herbs and zucchini, served with tzatziki made from Greek yogurt, cucumber and fresh herbs), and Souvlaki (skewered lamb marinated in wine, vinegar, herbs and vegetables, served with fresh baked pitas).

Second Course, inspired by the Goddess Venus: Oriza (cooked with butter, herbs, prosciutto, olives, leeks, pepper and ricotta cheese, for which a nonleek dish will also be available), and λάσσανα/Lasana (layers of noodles, ricotta cheese, blue cheese, spinach, bacon and prosciutto, made with a 'green sauce' that includes herbs, olive oil, saffron, green onions and pepper).

Good wine, good people, and good food, what could be better?

Tentative schedule: noon -- site opens; 1:15 -- Lists opens and authorizations start; 2:00 -- Championship tourneys; 4:00-6:00 -- A&S judging/socializing; 6:00 -- mini feast; 7:30ish -- court; 9:00 -- site closes.

Because there are no chairs on the site, please bring chairs for you and your house. Also, tables are being sought, so if you have extra tables or chairs, please bring them!

The site is a private residence at 3147 Rosebud Lane. The site opens at noon and closes at 9 pm. Event fee is \$7 for members (\$12 for nonmembers), with ages 16 and under free. Please make checks payable to SCA Inc. - Barony of Winter's Gate.

Directions: From University Fred Meyer, cross Airport Road by the gas station onto Sportsman's Way, then take the first left onto Boat Street. Follow the road until it turns

into Hoselton, then take the first right onto Rosebud. The site is the third house on the left. OR, from Pike's Landing, follow Hoselton. Rosebud will be the fourth road on the left.

For more information, contact the autocrat Elisheva bint Sitt al-Sirr (Sheva Corning), 907-888-0040, elishevacorning@yahoo.com.

Collegium

Eskalya & Selviargard

March 29 & 30

The Baronies of Selviargard and Eskalya have collaborated to bring a weekend full of classes! Class topics include nalbinding, silk banner making, calligraphy and illumination, embroidery, Japanese culture, and more more! Come and learn new things, or refresh your skills on topics you have learned before. There will be something for everyone at this collegium!

Saturday hours are 11 am to 8 pm; Sunday hours are 11 am to 6 pm. Event fee is \$10 for adults (\$15 for nonmembers), \$5 for children 10-15, under 10 are free.

Location is the Diamond Center, Suite 233 (Old Library Space, site of Midwinter Coronet). Driving directions: take the Seward Highway to the Dimond exit. Turn west down Dimond Blvd. Turn left at the Dimond Center Drive. Turn left into the parking lot (by Olive Garden). Best parking for closest access to site is entrance beneath Old Navy sign. Take escalators upstairs, and the site is directly ahead. There is access to an elevator for heavy items.

For more information, please contact the autocrat, Anna di Caterina Neri (Georgia Pfile), 242-5606, annaharie@gmail.com, or Nemonna Vicana (Bobbie Sampson), 602-680-0186, nemonna.vicana@gmail.com.

Event Reports and Thanks:

Harvest Captaincy

On a bright, early Autumn day, members of the Barony met for the first event with our new Baron and Baroness, Braun and Cempestra, and to choose a new Captain of the Militia and Heart of Winter's Gate, as well as a new Commander of the Cavaliers and Light of Winter's Gate. We were graced by many visitors from our Southern neighbors, and by our lovely Princess Lilla.

Much merriment and downright silliness ensued as hearts full of companionship and good cheer did stay warm in our indoor site, ignoring the warnings of the coming winter in the turning of the trees.

The following did vie in the traditional tourney for the Captain of the Militia: Barak the Hunter (inspired by Morgana yr Oerfa), Ciaran Ó Cearbhaill (Johanna Amundsdottir), Griffin Garret (Margery Garret), Hallbiorn Erlændar son (Ellisif a Reikiavik), Sapphira the Navigator (Hallbiorn Erlændar son) and Sevastian Agafangilovich Golyitsia (Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Sea). Barak the Hunter was victorious, and he and Morgana were appointed during baronial court.

Those fencers fighting for the Commander of the Cavaliers were Angela of Eskalya (Barn Sparrowhawk), Brann mac Finnchad (Ellisif a Reikiavik), Ellisif a Reikiavik (Hallbiorn Erlændar son), Griffin Garret (Margery Garret), and Sevastian Agafangilovich

Golyitsia (Genevieve Beauvais). Baroness Etain fought the byes. Sevastian was victorious and he and Genevieve were appointed during baronial court.

Court were held. During baronial court, Baroness' Recognitions were awarded to Elena verch Ruari, Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Sea, Magdalena Georg'eva Oshitkovna Ochakovicha and Margery Garret. Her Highness Lilla took Rafial Vlaschlav as a protege.

During principality court, Aine Barleg was awarded a Diamond Willow, and the following people were appointed to Their Court: Ladies of the Chamber Dagmar the Red and Ulfhildr Sverradóttir, Royal Counselor Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha, Knight Counselor Cyrus Aurelius, Laurel Counselor Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor, Royal Bard Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Sea, and Princess Artisans Bránn mac Finnchad and Margery Garret.

Despite poor notice, and partially due to Hallbiorn and Ellisif bidding against each other for a crockery bowl, the silent auction raised \$135 for the baronial coffers to help with travel funds, new banners, and other such items.

Thanks

His Excellency and I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Harvest Captaincy.

Many feats of bravery were fought and much blood shed. His Excellency and I would like to congratulate the fighters on their most tragic demises, especially the most twitchy deaths of Lord Brann mac Finnchad, most dramatic...pause...death...Baroness Etain, the graceful death of Lady Ellisif, the most romantic deaths of Lord Savastian and Lady Angela after her Lord slew the Lady Angela and then proceeded to 'suicide' on the battlefield. Griffin and Sevastian promoted 'nerd-dom' by throwing down their rapiers and commencing their battle with weapons used only by "Masons-Taylors-and Scribes." and the most kvetching deaths of Lady Sapphira the Navigator.

The new Captain of the Militia is Lord Barak the Hunter, inspired by Mistress Morgana, and the new Commander of the Cavaliers is Lord Sevastian, inspired by Lady Genevieve Beauvais.

A thank you to the autocrats, Lady Elena and Mistress Margery, who organized a lovely event and a most delicious feast. To all who cooked the most excellent food, our hearty thanks.

Thank you to those who traveled the roadways and evaded bandits and troublesome rogues to visit our Barony. The representation of the Principality and visiting Barons and Baronesses and their representatives was a warm surprise and the extension of Principality support was overwhelming.

Our Baronial Court was established and we are proud to have a well-guarded Barony and a strong court of officials. Lady Aine Barleg, Lady in Waiting to the Baroness, thank you for your kind assistance throughout the event, and Lady Angela who guarded my person throughout the event from any hordes who sought to harm my person.

Thank you to Mistress Magda who organized marshalling. Many thanks to the heralding of Mistress Morgana, and impromptu heralding of Lady Aine, who both did a most wonderful job.

Many thanks to Her Highness Lilla, who graced our presence and household. Your attendance was most welcome. We look forward to any future visits or future events in which our paths will cross.

If we have overlooked anyone, please know that your presence was noted and appreciated! The event was full of mirth, laughter and camaraderie. We feel very fortunate to begin our Office with such good friends, merriment and promise. The populace and individuals of the Barony and those who visit and participate in the events are the ones who make the Barony of Winter's Gate a warm place, especially during the cold months!

Yours in Service,
Baron Braun and Baroness Cempestra

Yule Report

Greetings Unto the Populace of Winter's Gate.

We hope that everyone is staying warm and comfy and enjoyed a most merry holiday celebration! A well done and organized Yule set the tone for the entire holidays and Winter's Gate change from the Oak Court to the Holly Court.

Many thanks to Iriniia for her deft autocrating skills and hosting such a wonderful event.

A big thank you to all who attended and all who brought food and contributed to a very yummy feast. Special thanks to the warrior who fought and conquered the Spham Beast. His Excellency found it . . . most excellent!

To all who entered the two whims. There was much difficult in choosing a favorite dish and the documentation was well done! We still apologize for eating the ornament entry, but it was delicious. We promise not to eat the ornaments again unless specifically marked, "Eat me." Although, it was a most delicious ornament. Thankfully there was no glass or glitter in it.

Thanks you to Greteke for her contribution to the Baronial largesse. we believe that the largesse was in definite need of a sheep and "He's so fluffy!!!" The snowflakes she taught us to make were beautiful and intricate and impressive.

Thanks also to Ellisif who hosted a Feastocrat class. The up and coming partial feast is already being excitedly planned.

Our Treasures all earned tokens for their very lady-like etiquette and manners.

Thank you all who are currently serving on the Holly Court and/or as an Officer. Your dedication is noted and much appreciated.

If we have forgotten anyone, please note that you are much appreciated.

To the Winter's Gate population at large: you are all such special people and whether you are an officer, on the court, a member of Winter's Gate, or just passing through, each of you make the Barony a special place.

Yours in Service,
Bran and Cemper, Baron and Baroness

Midwinter Coronet and Investiture

At Midwinter Coronet, we were graced by the presence not only of Their Majesties Thorfinn and Violante, but also Their Highnesses of The Mists, Geoffrey and Catherine,

and Their Highnesses of Cynagua, Miach and Sciath. It was marvelous seeing all of the Western Royalty at an Oerthan event.

Thirteen fighter vied for the honor of Prince of Oertha. They were (with their consort): Aine Inghean Lochlann (Ciarán Ó Cearbhaill), Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor (Feargus MacRoinin), Fergus MacThomais (Margarita de la Calvi), Gregor Hawke (Isabella Hawke), Hallbiorn Erlændar son (Ellisif a Reikiavik), Kenric Maur (Dagmar the Red), Lamorak d’Pellinore (Anna de Caterina Neri), Q of Eskalya (Yaari of Eskalya), Sextus Valerius Cruscillus (Nemonna Vicana), Soren j’Alborgh (Alienor Fitzhenry), Spike Sisnersoin (Eimear Catherine McMorrough), and Viresee de Lighthaven (Astrin Straightarrow). The tourney was double elimination, and His Majesty and Their Highnesses fought the byes. After eight rounds, the finalist were Kenric and Sextus, best of three. Kenric was victorious.

There were many awards given and courts held, classes taught, arts & sciences competitions and displays, good food and company. Saturday evening ended with a bardic gathering.

At Saturday morning court of Nathan and Lilla, Prince and Princess of Oertha, Tempest of Winter’s Gate received a Raven’s Heart and Gregor Hawke was admitted to the Order of the Oerthan Sword.

At Their evening court, the following were awarded: Argent Flame to Bran Sparrowhawk and Cempestra O’Breoniann, Order of Orion to Gavan Woodward, Celestria Textrix, Elisa von Sophey and Leonia the Mouse, Diamond Willow to Colyn Jak Leslie, Polaris to Hallbiorn Erlændar son, Snowy Owl to Sapphira the Navigator, Order of the Glove to Skeggi Nyewcombe, and an Award of Arms to Wulfgar of Eskalya.

Bianca Rose Byrnes did take Sabilla (fka Genevieve Beauvais) as her student and protege. Other protege ceremonies took place randomly during the afternoon and evening, as Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Sea became a protege to Etain, and Lamorak d’Pellinore to Viresse.

During evening court, Miach and Sciath, Prince and Princess of Cynagua, did recognize the hospitality of Soren j’Alborgh and Alienor Fitzhenry by awarding them the Cynaguan Friendly Tower. They also awarded a Leaf of Merit to Richard Stewart of Saint Andrews, and Prince’s Tokens to Angelina Tiana Bezova, Canute Mjoksiglandi and Thorolfir Knutson.

At Their Majesties Thorfinn’s and Violante’s courts, the following awards and honors were given: Award of Arms to Haelgath of Winter’s Gate and Isabella Hawke, Leaves of Merit to Adam of Eskalya, Elena verch Ruari, Elisheva bint Sitt al-Sirr and Nemonna Vicana, Rose Leaf to Leonia the Mouse, Ash Leaves to Angela of Eskalya, Gregor Hawke and Sextus Valerius Cruscillus, Grant of Arms to Halfdan “Two Bears” Ózurrson, and a Queen’s Order of Grace to Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Sea. His Majesty also called forth Skeggi Nyewcombe, an old friend, and did gift to him a Boar’s Tooth with much emotional attachment. Skeggi was a speechless as he ever gets, but did manage to conduct yet another ‘wave’ from the populace in response.

At Their final Court on Sunday, Their Highnesses Nathan and Lilla granted the following awards and honors: Coronet’s Favors to Alienor Fitzhenry, Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha, Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor, Else Hünrvogt, and Sorcha Careman; Snowy Owl to Hagar the Silent, and an Oerthan Order of Grace to Viresse de Lighthaven. The winners of the Whim competitions were announced: Her Highness for

white roses in any mode was Sorcha Careman (honorable mentions to Isabel de la Hay and Catherine Lorraine); His Highness for armor was Sevastian Agafangilovich Golyitsia. Arts & Sciences winners were Ciaran O Cearbhaill for brewing, and Sorcha Careman for metalworking. The office of Exchequer was passed from Katarzina Porajski to Alienor Fitzhenry (who is looking for a deputy).

At the Sunday court of Their Majesties Thorfinn and Violante, the following awards and honors were given: Queen's Artisans, Anna de Caterina Neri, Bránn mac Finnchad, Trava Zapadova and Ulfhildr Sverradottir; Rose Leaf and Grant of Arms to Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha; Crown's Favor to Sorcha Careman (who did take Angela of Eskalya as a cadet at that time also); Angela of Eskalya and Sevastian Agafangilovich Golyitsia were appointed to the Queen's Guard; and Halfdan "Two Bears" Ózurrson was elevated to the Order of the Pelican.

Their Highnesses then dismissed Their Court, after awarding a Princess' Riband to Angela of Eskalya. They then acknowledged Their Heirs Kenric and Dagmar, and crowned Them the next Prince and Princess of Oertha.

After Their Investiture, Their Highnesses appointed the following to Their Court: Ladies of the Chamber, Erin of Pavlok Gorod, Greteke inn Little, Heleyne of Aveberia, Isabella Hawke, Nathan Hartman, Sibylla of Winter's Gate (fka Genevieve Beauvais), Sorcha Careman, Trava Zapadova, and Aine ingean Lochlann (Head Lady); Princess' Escort, Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva (Captain), Barak the Hunter, Bránn mac Finnchad, Ciaran O'Cearbhaill, Fergus MacThomais, Hallbiörn Erlændar son, Jon the Stoic, Lilla æt Scaephyll, Sapphira the Navigator, and Zachary Wolf; Princess' Heavy/Traditional Champion Gregor Hawke and Princess' Rapier Champion Skeggi Nyewcombe. Nathan Hartman was made a Viscount of the West, and Lilla æt Scaephyll was made a Viscountess of the West and Holder of the Heart. Sextus Valerius Cruscillus and Nemonna Vicana were acknowledged as Lord and Lady Guardian.

Autocrat Thanks

Now that sleep has been had, and exhaustion has been mostly defeated, there are some words of thanks to those who made autocrating Winter Coronet and Investiture, not only a breeze, but an enjoyable experience as well. I apologize in advance if I butcher your name.

To Their Majesties, Their Highnesses of Oertha (both incoming and outgoing), Their Highnesses of the Mists, Their Highnesses of Cynagua and the Populace, for making this event one that will not fade from memory, and for keeping a smile on so many faces, including my own, for the majority of this event. I am indebted to you all, and without each of you, there is not the privilege to serve.

To Sir Viresse, the rock of my team, who was my right hand, the other half of my brain, and my sanity leading up to and throughout the whole event. This endeavor would have been much more difficult without her steady hands to guide me.

To Viscount Astrin, for whom we would not have had tables, for keeping Viresse and I fed throughout the weekend after long hours of set up, tear down, and being on our feet, and for enduring all the autocrat craziness leading up to this past weekend.

To Vicana and Cruscillus, the other half of our team, for so many things that I will not be able to name them all: the wonder food, the beautiful tourney tree, the Eric, help with the site layout, with setup and tear down, being a shoulder to lean on, and the list could go on for days.

To My Husband, though he does not partake in this dream, he endures my insanity, and long weekends away from home, and my helium hand.

Gavan and Celestria for being there to haul, to set up, to tear down, to sit constab, to run and get things, to retrieve and return items to the storage unit. I do not know what we would have done without both of them.

Master (hehe) Thomas (Two Bears), who helped to put up all the banners, heralded the tourney in true Two Bears perfection, helped with set up and tear down, and really helped to make this flow with ease.

Keegan, who always has something in his hands to haul, set up or tear down.
Viscountess Lilla, who caffeinated me!!!

To Mistress Sorcha for providing many of the banners that truly set the stage, and perked up the hall, and for being a moment of Sanity when I needed it most. To Baroness Elspeth for providing more banners, including the lovely Lord and Lady set that adorned the entrance. They were stunning! To Ulfhildr who helped set up all of said banner, and the Eric, and and and...

To Zach, who came early to help haul tables up to the hall and get them set up. To Lamorak who helped to tear down and haul all of the tables back down to Astrin's vehicle for safe transport, and his daughter Erica who helped me to haul them up and get them all set up and ready for people to make spiffy.

To Mistress Caitriona for all of the beautiful banners that adorned the wall directly behind the thrones for the Kingdom and each Principality. To Sir Cyrus for returning to help us clean up the site and getting us out of there quickly!

To Viscountess Rolynda, Countess Alyssia, Lady Leonia and Adam who helped to get the kitchen torn down and get the hall cleaned up. To Sir Soren for helping us work out the Eric layout and set up of the banners.

To Baroness Ellisif for all of the lovely rolls that went so well with the chili.

To Viscount Gregor for working diligently to make sure all those who wished to fight, and any who wanted one just because, had a shield blank to adorn the tourney tree!

To Viscountess Gwyneth for coordinating Their Majesties' classes for me. To Mistress Cynehild for making sure I had the layout of the thrones in hand for reference! It was fabulous and saved me many hairs from being torn out in confusion.

To Isabel for sitting Constab and running the Lists efficiently as she is so good at.

To His Grace Skeggi for providing Joy and Enthusiasm, and always a smile.

To *all* the marshal who did a fantastic job in both the Coronet Lists and the Roses tourney, and those who ran the tourney tree.

To Ciaran and the two Gentlemen from Winter's Gate who washed *all* of the dishes in the hall following the potluck. To Selviergard for coordinating and setting up the potluck.

To Their Excellencies Fathir and Etain, for allowing us the use of their multiple sets of thrones to accommodate all of the visiting Royalty.

To those who opened their home to visitors from near and far. To all those who helped haul things in, set things up, and tear things down.

To everyone who brought banners and truly helped to make the hall look fabulous. To the Maseuse from whose hands many received relaxation and relief.

So many hands went into this event, and I thank each of you. If I have forgotten anyone, please know that it is not my intention to leave you out, and please let me know so I might make amends.

I look forward to the next time I may serve. To Oertha! To the West!

In Service,

Mistress Anna di Caterina Neri

Miscellaneous

Submissions Herald

Khevron, the new Wolfhound Herald (principality submissions deputy) would like to help anyone who needs it with their name and device development and submissions. Contact email: khevron@warpmail.net.

Midsummer Coronet A&S Competition

To the Artisans of Oertha,

I am pleased to announce that the competition in Pavlok Gorod, will be Period Headgear. Any period, from the Norse six-panel hats to Elizabethan tall hats, or any style, including coifs and hoods.

Documentation is part of the judging, so please supply at least a photograph of the inspiring piece (or a nice write-up). Even if you are unable to attend the event, I would encourage you to send your work down with somebody.

Bránn mac Finnchad, Oertha A&S Minister

Ides of March Silent Auction

Greetings,

It is my great pleasure to announce a Silent Auction at Selveirgard's Ides of March (March 15). All proceeds will benefit the Barony.

I will be organizing the auction table during this event and the winning bids will be announced in closing court. If you are interested in making a goods donation, please contact me so I may coordinate in advance (travaridlon@yahoo.com).

Fabric/trim, armor, feast gear, camping equipment, etc., would all be welcome. Selveirgard humbly accepts your donations and participation in support of the dream.

Yours in Service,

Trava Zapadova

Oertha History Guild

The Oertha History Guild is active and we're collecting any details of past events, and ask members to submit a review, recap, thoughts of one event per year, recent or ancient. The Oertha History Guild is active and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/OerthaHistory/.

Photos posted to the West Kingdom History Pages are encouraged. <http://history.westkingdom.org>.

Everyone should check their information on the Who's Who website as well, and you can add to your SCA resume, including offices (primary or deputy) held and events hosted or cooked for, and other achievements.

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And now for something entirely different:

Du'ad Bob Review

And now this month we come the final of the four of Shakespeare's historical plays filmed by the BBC and issued as a set in *The Hollow Crown*. This one is probably the best-known of the four plays, and has been filmed by several giants among Shakespearean actors, the best-known being Sir Laurence Olivier (in 1944) and Kenneth Branagh (in 1989). Each film, the two just mentioned and this one, takes a slightly different approach to the play and each emphasizes different aspects of it. As only one example, in this version the St. Crispian's Day speech is done more naturally, to a smaller audience. By contrast Branagh's is more stirring, but you have the impression he was speaking to his whole army. So the one here doesn't necessarily make you want to immediately go out and conquer something, as Branagh's did. Still, it's always nice to see someone else's take on the playwright's words, and to see the actors imbue them with different shades of meaning, which can bring you to a deeper understanding of those words. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you ***The Hollow Crown: Henry V***.

Starring Tom ("Loki" in *Thor* and *The Avengers*) Hiddleston as King Henry V, Mélanie Thierry (who is actually French!) as the French Princess Katherine, Richard ("Vernon Dursley" in *Harry Potter*) Griffiths as the Duke of Burgundy, Julie ("Mrs. Weasley") as Mistress Quickly, John Hurt as the Chorus, Lambert Wilson as the French King, Geraldine Chaplin as Alice, and Edward Akrot as Louis the Dauphin, you should by now all be familiar with this play, which covers the events leading up to, through, and just beyond the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

Good points: Once again, the sets. (For example, St. David's Cathedral played the role of Westminster in all four of the plays in *The Hollow Crown*. And does so beautifully for the most part.) The tennis balls. The floor. The leather canteen. The costuming. (For the most part. I have a little more on this immediately below). The white horse. The armor. The heraldic genealogical tree of the King. The tapestries.

Bad points: The coat of arms on King Henry's jupon have the quarters reversed! (It should be *Quarterly France modern and England*; the jupon has *Quarterly England and France modern*.) The French King's collar of the Order of the Golden Fleece has knots and escallops instead of the flames and furisons (fire steels) of that Order. (Anna Sue says that I am the only one who cares. To which I can safely reply that I personally know of at least two, maybe three, other people who would also care. So there! Though it should be noted that, in fact, the Order of the Golden Fleece was not established until 1430, fifteen years after the Battle of Agincourt. But why, then, is the French King wearing a collar which clearly has a golden fleece pendant from it?) The French herald Montjoie wears but a single gold fleur-de-lys, instead of his master's arms (which are *Azure three fleurs-de-lys Or*, or Blue with three gold fleurs-de-lys) as he should. It looks like the Dauphin inherited King Henry IV's horse's chamfron from *Henry IV, Parts 1 and 2*. I still have my doubts about its authenticity to the period.

Zero breasts. Three gallons of blood. 60 dead bodies. Arrow fu. Sword fu. Boiling water (or oil, but usually they used boiling water in period. It was cheaper and easier to obtain, and didn't have a nasty tendency to catch fire if you heated it up) fu. Cannon fu. Billhook fu. Axe fu. Tennis balls roll. Gratuitous mud. Gratuitous groveling. Gratuitous dirt. Academy Award nomination to Tom Hiddleston as King Henry V for bringing a new take on an old role. A 73 on the Vomit Meter. 4 stars. Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out!"

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