



The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

Calendar

March 15 -- OLIO (Sapphira autocrat)
Mar. 15 -- Ides of March (Selviergard)
Mar. 21-23 -- March Crown (West)
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July 25-Aug 8 -- Pennsic War (East)
Aug. 2 & 9 -- Tanana Valley Fair Demos
Aug. 23 -- William Tell Event (Eskalya)
Aug. 30-31 -- Harvest Captaincy (Hallbiorn autocrat)

Sept. 7 -- UAF Club Fair
Oct. 18 -- Michaelmass Feast (Margery autocrat)
Nov. 15-16 -- St. Boniface Collegium
Dec. 20 -- Yule (Bran and Cemper, autocrats)
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!)

Business Meeting Note:

Baroness Cemper said we have an 'awesome barony,' and that it was nice to see the visitors there at fighter practice.

Seneschale Sapphira requested that when the baronial officers send in their reports, that they send her a copy also.

Exchequer Margery reported the quarterly report was done, and that new signature cards have been prepared for the principality exchequer's signature.

Margery and Elisheva (A&S) reported that 'cool stuff' was made at the Althing, and that classes are being planned for events.

Chatelaine reported that Elisheva is the new deputy. There have been repeat visitors at fighter practice, including some interested in heavy fighting and archery. Elisheva will be picking up Gold Key for OLIO event.

Marshallate -- Ellisif report we have 7+ fighters, that fighting took place at the last event, and the Oertha marshal attended Love Revel. She also reported that Viscountess Lilla, a senior/authorizing marshal is expected to be moving into the barony in May. There is a strong possibility that archery practices will take place during the summer, likely Saturdays at Elisheva's property.

Khevron reported that court happened at Love Revel and those award and honors have been reported and confirmed (the latter at the meeting). Several more submissions have been sent in.

Constabulary reported that the sign in sheets were filled out completely, including membership numbers, at Love Revel.

Khevron reported that the chronicler has fixed the Fools Revel date in the Gatekeeper to April 26 (not the 16th). That is the same weekend as the new Prince's Prize Tourney event: they couldn't get the campground any other weekend, and we can't move our date due to other commitments. So far kingdom hasn't complained about

duplicate events within the principality.

St. Boniface reported that Aine will be graduating this year. Haelgath will be taking over as seneschal (paperwork moving through the university), and Hanna will be his deputy and/or exchequer (she needs to be an SCA member to be exchequer). The recent demo at the university went well, and names were collected from interested people and have been forwarded to the chronicler to add to the newsletter list. They're looking into getting the Wood Center Ballroom for the November collegium and St. Boniface Champion Tourney. Current Champion and Inspiration are Felix Emmanuel and Morgana yr Oerfa.

Regarding events: OLIO is not on the kingdom calendar, but has been confirmed. At Fool's Revel, the Baron's Whim is a 'decorate the fighter' auction, the Fool's competition is Recitation, there will be the traditional Foolish Garb competition, and there may also be a St. Boniface Champion Tourney. Ellisif is the autocrat of Spring Captaincy and reports the theme may be New World (Incan/Aztec/Mayan chocolate/coffee, etc.) but not Columbus, and there may be a guinea pig subtlety. Games Day in June is scheduled for the Chena Lakes Recreation Area, and will include a boar hunt and installation of the Summer Court.

Midsummer Coronet is in Pavlok Gorod (Kodiak). Hallbiorn is organizing a U-Haul to take on the ferry to haul armor, etc. So far, those going include Khevron and Merewen, Bran and Cemper, Elena and Hans, Hallbiorn and Ellisif, Margery, Althea, Sapphira and Morgana. A goodly contingent from the barony.

Tanana Valley Fair demos will be August 2 and 9. Hallbiorn is the autocrat for Harvest Captaincy. Margery will autocrat Michaelmass again, Haelgath will head the autocrat team for St. Boniface Collegium, and Bran and Cemper will autocrat Yule.

Cemper and Elena are preparing a bid for Midwinter Coronet.

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

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:

OLIO

Barony of Winter's Gate

March 15

Beware the Ides of March!

The planned Newcomers' Event isn't evolving in the direction we thought it would, but we can roll with it, Winter's Gate.

It is hereby announced that on Saturday, March 15, there will be an OLIO (Latin for EVERYTHING!)

It is the Baronial Wish that we have the Baronial Workday (originally scheduled for 2 March at U-Park) to go through Gold Key and Regalia at the OLIO.

OLIO is the Thing, a perfect opportunity to work on personal A&S projects (we will have a kitchen at our disposal and many electrical outlets, too). If you have garb or need assistance with a garb idea please bring your project. There will be sewing machines available and plenty of table space (especially if you bring your own table. OLIO!)

Autocrat's Whim -- an A&S display. Bring your earliest garb/A&S project for the Barony to admire. An OLIO of activities is planned.

The Baroness' Whim -- Gold Key fashion show. How? One must attend to find out!

Sapphira has volunteered to teach dance and music. If you'd like to teach a class, too, let the autocrat know. OLIO!

Khevron will be arriving to assist with heraldry. Morgana will be available to explain the history of Winter's Gate, the SCA, and other wonderful stories (and to help with heraldry). Ellisif will gladly duct-tape any victim who needs a "perfect fit." Sleeve design and tweaking are doable as well. Baroness Cemper will host a workshop on making make-up.

There will be feasting of a potluck variety, storytelling, and much conviviality. Free-will donations will gleefully be collected at the door. Crash space, as usual, will be available for out of town guests.

Site is the Walden Estates Community Center, 1108 Hampstead Ave. Make your best way to Danby Street, turn onto either Hampstead or Bainbridge Blvd. The Community Center is located where the two streets meet. Site opens at 11 am and closes at 9 pm, and is technically dry.

For more information, contact the autocrat Sapphira the Navigator (Vicki Wyan), 374-0212, blue_white_figleaf@yahoo.com.

Ides of March

Barony of Selviergard

March 15

Celebrate the Ides of March in true Roman style with a Roman-themed tournament, some favored Roman games, a Mediterranean-themed potluck, and perhaps a bit of intrigue as well.

Celebrants for the event will be given enough coins to participate in a variety of activities where, just like the favorite amusement of soldiers and the aristocracy, you can bet on games and even the fighting if you so choose. As an added reward, a prize will be given to the person with the most denarii by the end of the event.

Make sure to dress in your best Roman clothing as the Empire's authorities will be out enforcing the Foreigner Tax. Don't have roman garb yet? It's easy to make and in no time you too can look like a Roman and bypass the authorities without paying the hefty fine. You can find an article on basic Roman clothing in February's edition of The Dragon Tale newsletter: <http://selviergard.westkingdom.org/dragontale/>.

Gladiators of the lands of Oertha, prepare yourselves! A Roman-themed tournament worthy of any gladitorial arena will take place, in which you will fight with daggers, daggers, oh, and daggers.

There will be a silent auctions, will all proceeds benefiting the Barony of Selviergard. Mistress Trava will be organizing the auction tables during the event, and the winning bids will be announced in closing court. If you are interested in making a goods donation, please contact Mistress Trava so she may coordinate in advance. Items may include, but are not limited to, handmade crafts, garb, fabric/trim, armor, feast gear, camping equipment, etc. Selviergard humbly accepts your donations and participation in support of The Dream.

While the autocrat team has items for decoration of the hall, we humbly ask that you bring more to help Romanize the event. Items especially desired are rugs and floor coverings, as well as wall decoration. If you are interested in helping decorate, please contact the co-autocrat, Halfdan Ozurrson, for more information.

Please bring your tables! While the site has some tables, we encourage you to bring your own to set up in a triclinia around the gladitorial arena.

There will be a Mediterranean-themed potluck, showcasing delicacies from around the Roman world. Please bring enough to feed 8-10 people. The suggested potluck assignments are by modern last name: A-F, pasta or antipasto; G-L, meats; M-R, breads or cheese; S-Z, fruits or vegetables.

Many more items will be added before the event. We sincerely hope that your Ides of March go better than Caesar's . . . and if we can help it, it will.

The site is the Wasilla Boys and Girls Club, 3700 Bogard Road, Wasilla. Site opens at 11 am and closes at 8 pm.

Event fee is \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members). Ages 6-12 are \$5, children under 6 are free, and the family cap is \$35. Checks should be made out to "SCA Inc - Selviergard."

For more information contact the autocrats Sextus Valerius Cruscillus (Josh Sampson), webminister@selviergard.westkingdom.org, or Halfdan "Two Bears" Ozurrson (Travis Abe-Thomas), chronicler@selviergard.westkingdom.org.

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.

Class Descriptions

Concussions -- Concussions are one of the hottest topics in athletic injuries today. The instructor will cover concussion-related myths, in field assessment, guidelines in the event of an injury, the science and mechanics behind the concussion, and tips for preventing concussion-related injuries. Instructor: Dr. Kelly Ryan.

Virtue Round Table: Humility -- Come and speak with others about the meaning of Humility, its historical context in chivalric ideology, and what it means to us in the SCA today. What is Humility? Why is it important in chivalric literature and how do we apply it today? Lull says that Pride must be fought with both Humility and Strength, and that Humility alone is not enough. Why do we think that is? Is there a way to accept praise with humility? How? What is the juxtaposition of pride and humility in the SCA consorts' world? Is it wrong to be proud of inspiring your fighter? If your fighter does well in the lists, and you (as a fighting pair) have been working very hard to make sure that is so, can you, as a consort, take credit? If you deny your inspiration, and say "it was all the fighter," is that an instance of false humility? This is a round table discussion. Please come and share your own ideas and thoughts. All are welcome. Class Limit: 12. Instructor: Duchess Etain.

Virtue Round Table: Pick a Virtue -- Depending on which sources you use, there are variously seven, nine, or eleven "Knightly Virtues." We'll pick a Virtue from the list, and discuss its historical relevance (what did it mean to have this virtue in period?), how we understand and manifest it in the context of the SCA, and how we can apply it in modern life. (Any of the following virtues may be discussed: Humility, Courtesy, Franchise, Largesse, Loyalty, Prowess, Mercy, Faith, Temperance.) Class Limit: 12. Instructor: Duchess Etain.

The Chivalric vs. The Heroic Model -- What does it mean to be Knights in the SCA? What if your persona is Viking Age, before the codes of chivalry were invented? What are the similarities and differences between a Knight and a Hero? This is a discussion-based class about the origins of the chivalric ideal (both in period and in the SCA), and

how we reconcile the different models of warriorship within it. Class Limit: 12. Instructor: Duchess Etain.

Consorting 101 -- What does it mean to be a consort? What is a consort's job? Why do we even have consorts? What is a fighter's duty to his consort, and how do you structure the relationship between an effective "fighting pair"? Come explore these ideas (and more) and hone your own expectations of the fighter/consort relationship. This class is open to both new and experienced consorts, and fighters are strongly encouraged to attend! Instructor: Duchess Etain.

Six Easy Ways to Look More Period -- Do you want to cultivate a more period persona? Do you just want one or two things that will make you look more period without spending years of time or tons of money? Ever go to an event thinking, "Wow, I rock, my garb is sooooo fabulous!" and then see somebody in a T-tunic who somehow, some way, manages to look, well, better than you thought you did? Are you longing to have someone come up to you and ask "How do you look like that all the time?" Are you longing to have them ask while you are in your kitchen grubby-garb? Ever wonder why some people look period and some people don't? Instructor: Duchess Etain.

Stick Weaving -- Simple warp and weft weaving. Weaving sticks and yarn will be provided (students may bring their own yarn if desired). Smalls accompanied by an adult are more than welcome to attend. Instructor: Mistress Trava.

Basic Calligraphy 101 -- This class will cover how to get started, sources, and suggestions for practicing calligraphy. Practice sheets and packet samples supplied. Please bring your calligraphy pens. Some calligraphy markers will be available to use. Instructor: Sir Viresse.

Illumination 101 -- Student will begin the layout of a basic scroll, covering the following areas: how to lay out a scroll, things to consider, research materials, tools, suggested papers, paints and inks. Materials will be provided, though if you have your own you are welcome to bring them. Instructor: Sir Viresse.

Nallbinding, Oslo Stitch -- Two-hour class will cover the basics of the Norse Oslo stitch. Two styles of starting and suggestions for projects such as "coppergate sock," knee socks, half gloves, hats and scarves. Fee: \$5 per student for supplies, including hand-carved wooden needle, small ball of wool yarn, printed handouts. Class Limit: 10. Instructor: Mistress Rolyndda of the Azurestone.

Viking Wire "Knitting" -- Two-hour class will cover the beginning "knit" and "double knit" techniques, being creative with what you learn, and projects other than just necklaces or bracelets. Fee: \$3 per student for supplies, which include dowel, draw plate, coil of wire, hand out instructions. Class Limit: 10. Instructor: Mistress Rolyndda of the Azurestone.

Garb 101 -- Basic measurements, fabric choices, and choosing garb that works for you. Bring a tape measure if you have one. Instructor: Viscountess Margarita.

Building Period Sleeves -- How to measure, create and attach those fancy sleeves in period garb. Instructor: Viscountess Margarita.

Bardic -- Focusing on songs to sing in a group. Booklet of "group" songs will be provided. Contact instructor for a book with chords if you wish to bring an instrument. Instructor: Mistress Jenyvr.

Dancing -- Class to learn and practice most common and popular dances. Instructor: Mistress Anna di Caterina.

Making Cloth Mittens -- Making cloth mittens in the Heynes pattern. Instructor: Brann mac Finnchad.

Introduction to Silk Painting -- Learn the basics of using silk paints on pre-stretched sample frames. Some designs provided, or you can freehand a design, or bring a copy of the art image no larger than 8 inches in diameter. Wearing fancy garb to this class is not recommended. There is a \$5 fee for materials used in class and then taken home. Class Limit: 10. Instructor: Mistress Caitriona.

Beginning and Intermediate Embroidery (2-day class) -- Day 1 will cover basic stitches and their uses. Day 2 will cover refinement of stitches and project. All materials will be provided to make an embroidered cup cover in class. Class Limit: 8 (only 5 slots remain, contact the autocrat, Anna di Caterina, to pre-register). Instructor: Margaret Anne of Sommerset.

Leather Face Masks/Masquerade Masks (2-day class) -- Day 1, learn how to make your very own Masquerade Mask from leather. In this class you will learn to cut the shape, water form the piece, do all the shaping and molding to make it fit you. Day 2, finish mask with painting and seal for long-lasting beauty. Bring an adornments (feathers, beads, charms, etc.) you would like to add to your mask. Class fee of \$8 for mask materials. Class Minimum: 10 (please pre-register with Anna di Caterina). Instructor: Lady Isabella Hawke.

Simple 4-n-1 Butted Chain -- Learn the basics of making 4-n-1 butted chain for armor or fun. Starting with winding the wire into rings to expansions for tailoring size. Bring two small pliers for opening and closing rings, a limited amount will be available for people to use. Instructor: Baroness Étaín.

Maile Jewelry -- Learn how to make a twisting maile bracelet or necklace. Please bring needlenose or jewelers pliers if you have them, as only a small amount will be available for use. Donation for materials appreciated. Class Limit: 10. Instructor: Sheryl.

Weapon Construction-Alternate Striking Surfaces -- Learn to construct axe, mace, pommel for heavy combat. Supply costs: #10 per weapon construction with student-provided rattan; \$20 total with instructor-provided rattan. Class Limit: 10 students (unlimited observers welcome). Instructor: Lord Lamorak D'Pellinore.

Traveling Spice Show -- a discussion of period spices. Instructor: Mistress Annora.

So You're New to the SCA -- a newcomers' class. Instructor: Baroness Elspeth.

Preparing for a Camping Event -- Whether or not you're an experienced camper, SCA camping events lend a whole new facet to spending a weekend in "the great outdoors." This class is geared toward people who are considering SCA camping for the first time. It will discuss what you need to spend a weekend camping and some of the special extras SCA camping requires, both in equipment and behavior. Instructor: Baroness Elspeth.

Lucet Cord Weaving -- basics of lucet cord weaving. Instructor: Lady Celestria.

The Nine Worthies -- A group discussion on the historical Nine Worthies, their contributions to the ideas of Medieval Chivalry, and how to utilize their lessons into our Society. Open to fighters and non-fighters alike. Instructor: Master Halfdan.

Preserving Your Local History -- Information and ideas on preserving local group histories, discussing the options available to curating and disseminating the history and the best ways to preserve it. Open to all. Instructor: Master Halfdan.

The following classes are for children 5 years old and up. Those under 5 must have a guardian. Adults are also welcome to join in the classes.

1. Mock Court -- the kinds will fill in the roles of court and run through court, calling people up and giving out awards.
2. Board Games -- simple board games like Nine Man Morris.
3. Non-Equipment Games -- games that can be played with little or not equipment.
4. What is a Knight? -- What does it mean to be a knight in the SCA and history.
5. History Lesson on Henry VIII's ship the Mary Rose with activities.
6. Storytime.

Cherry Blossom Festival

Barony of Eskalya

April 12

Konnichiwa, minna-san!

Join us Saturday, April 12, for Cherry Blossom Festival. This year's festivities include a Go competition, with sign-up open from noon to 2 pm (instructions will be provided if needed). There will be an exciting rapier tourney (beginning at 2 pm), followed by a thematic Broken Bridge Battle for the heavy fighters. Following the fighting, there will be time for 'blossom viewing,' games and mingling. Children's A&S will feature kite making.

Our Baroness, Elspeth, is hosting a competition for table decorating, with winners announced in the evening court after dinner. Each table will be given a couple sprigs of cherry blossoms to include in their presentation however they wish.

Dinner will begin at 5 pm, and we will have an onigiri potluck. Onigiri are balls of rice with filling inside them. Each person should bring enough of something that goes with rice, such as shredded chicken or pork, for at least one to two people. You can bring more, if you wish, but only a couple spoonfuls of each dish will be needed for each onigiri. Refrigeration is available on site.

White rice, gloves, and onigiri packing skills will be provided. Miso soup, mochi and tea will also be included with the meal.

Site is the Jewel Lake Parish, 3833 Strawberry Road, Anchorage. Site opens at noon and closes at 8 pm.

Event fee is \$10 for adults (\$5 non-member surcharge), children 6-18 are \$5, children under 6 are free, and the family cap is \$40.

For more information contact the autocrats Leonia the Mouse (Elizabeth Schuerch), 727-5676, arts.and.sciences@eskalya.org or Adam of Eskalya, 304-2044, adam.reddaway@gmail.com.

Fool's Revel

Barony of Winter's Gate

April 26

Spring has sprung and cabin fever is running rampant through the Barony! Come join us as we shake off the last bits of winter and rush forward to enjoy the warmth of summer! Wear your funniest garb creations, dust off your old jokes, prepare your silly walks, and let us bring in the new season together!

Activities will include a Fool's Pas for both heavy and rapier fighters, a competition for the new Fool of Winter's Gate (a best skit or recitation under 2 minutes), the Baroness' Whim for the best "You Know You're in the SCA When" story, the Baron's Whim of Green Pea dishes (to be judged by the Baroness, who is *not* a pea fan!), and the A&S competition of the best period-looking silly garb (a florescent Viking or a tie-dyed Tudor for example).

Dinner will be aimed for 6 pm and will be a traditional potluck. Please bring dish that will feed at least 8 people, with an ingredient lists for those with allergies.

Come, have fun, and let silliness reign!

The site is the Walden Community Center, 1108 Hampstead Avenue (where Michaelmass was held). The site opens at noon and closes at 10 pm. Event fee is \$5 for adults (+\$5 for non-members), \$3 for ages 6-16, children under 6 years are free. The family cap is \$15. Please make checks out to "SCA Inc - Barony of Winter's Gate."

Directions to the site: make your best way to Danby Street, turn onto either Hampstead or Bainbridge. The Community Center is located where the two streets meet.

If you have questions, or need more information, contact the autocrat Margery Garret (Michele Griffin), motherchaos@gci.net, 590-0868 (cell).

Prince's Prize Tourney

Chugiak, Alaska

April 25-27

Missing your armor? Have an urge to enter an A&S contest? Long winter got you down? Not to worry! Your Prince has heard of your plight and offers entertainments to enliven the spring and prepare the armies of Oertha for tourney season!

Sharpen your swords and rapiers, fletch your arrows and put quill to parchment with your bardic skills. Pull out your banners and prepare to dress your camp in all its pageantry.

His Highness desires to see Oertha in all its finery, taste of its best desserts and brewed drinks, and play games of skill and chance. He offers prizes for many tourneys, games and contests, with feasting and bardic to celebrate it all. Join Him, attend classes, celebrate chivalry and earn points toward a grant prize, while toasting the inspiration of your consort and the future of our small Treasures.

The festivities begin on Friday night, with Tyr's Torchlight Tourney, and conclude on Sunday, with a Teddy Bear Tea, sponsored by Her Highness Dagmar, for the delight of the Treasures. See the list of entertainments below and plan to enter many to win points and glory.

Prizes: a sampling of awesome items, worthy of gifting by His Highness, many hand-crafted by Oertha artisans, given by His Highness to enrich the populace.

Contests and Entertainments:

Heavy fighting -- Tyr's Torchlight Tourney, Prize Tourney (with points awarded for period kit, chivalry, display of knightly virtues), and the Viscountess' Brunch Tourney on Sunday morning.

Rapier fighting -- Prize Tourney (with points awarded for period kit, chivalry, display of knightly virtues), and other tourneys to be announced.

Archery -- William Tell Shoot, target shooting.

A&S contests -- period 'tourney' garb, bardic arts (original song/story/poem), brewing, Tasty Desserts.

Other adult competitions for Saturday night will be announced at court.

Children's games -- dragon feet races, "toss across" and boffer spear throwing. The Teddy Bear Tea on Sunday will keep them busy while adults break camp and snacks will be provided.

Lunch on Saturday will be soups and breads. Feast on Saturday will be a sponsored potluck, with His Highness providing the meat. All other items will be potluck, by modern last name: A-L -- vegetable side dish, M-R -- starchy side dish, S-Z -- breads and spreads. Allergen note: No fish, no onions, no jalapenos!

Site is the Camp Carlquist Boy Scout Camp (Edmonds Lake), 23001 Gorsuch Road, Chugiak.

Event fee is \$10 for adults over 12 years (+\$5 for nonmembers), \$5 for children 2-12 years, family cap of \$30.

If you have questions, or need more information, contact the autocrat Margarita de la Calvi (Gretchen Thompson), viscountessmargarita@yahoo.com, 244-6543.

Midsummer Coronet News

Pavlok Gorod

July 19-21

Greetings all! I am gearing up for Coronet and have news about the local hotels to share. Everything listed does not include the hotel taxes and sales taxes. Add 12%. If you plan to stay at a hotel, please get it booked right away. Between construction, tourists, and the Coast Guard transfer season, rooms will go fast. And then rates will go up! Two have offered us group rates if we book 10 or more rooms.

The Best Western Kodiak Inn, 486-5712, is the nicest in town but has prices to match: \$152.99 for a queen and \$161.50 for two double beds. They jump to \$184.99 and \$194.99 respectively if we book less than 10.

The second group rate is at the Shelikof Lodge, 486-4141. I worked there as a maid one summer. It's not top line but not totally appalling either. If we get 10 or more rooms booked, it is \$100 for a double plus a twin or for a queen. If we have less than 10, it is \$130. I told them we'd have people book as group Oertha. What's really cool is that their shuttle would be available to run people to the Fairgrounds and back if you make prior arrangements.

The least expensive is the Russian Heritage Inn from \$95 for a double to \$135 for a king suite with three twins. Their number is 486-5657. They also have kitchenettes at \$125. The full kitchen suites are \$155 with four extra-long twins. Usually those are rented by construction guys, so call early!

The closest hotel to the site is the Comfort Inn, 487-2700, at the Buskin. Literally a walk across the very small airport parking lot. That said, site is less than 10-15 minutes from the other three hotels, so it's not a huge advantage. They are usually packed in July with Coast Guard transfers, but they said their rates are \$170-\$190 a night.

There are also an insane number of Bed & Breakfasts in the area which are usually considerably lower in price than the hotels. Tripadvisor has an extensive list.

Lady Angelina plans to run shuttle duty with my Explorer at set times each day, but we haven't worked all those details out quite yet. And there are car rental counters

available at the airport as well. Don't use taxis: they are not reliable and tend to be expensive. More information to follow about registration.

My heart is leaping with joy!
In Service to the West since AS XXXII,
Тата Книагиниа Kniaginia (knyah-gee-nyah)

Viking Clothing Competition Clarification

Their Highnesses are holding a Viking Clothing competition. You may enter your own garb, or if you wish to make clothing for Their Highnesses, material is available, so only your time and talent will be used. If you wish to make Viking clothes for Their Highnesses, please contact Her Highness Dagmar for a time and place to receive the material. She will be attending events and fighter practices with material in hand. The competition will be judged Saturday at Midsummer Coronet. The winner will be announced at court and the prize awarded and if made for Them, Their Highnesses will wear the competition winner at Investiture Court on Sunday. If you wish to compete, but will be unable to attend coronet, arrangements can be made to transport your items.

William Tell Event

Barony of Eskalya

August 23

The time has come to test our archery, endurance, and marksmanship as our ancestors of old used to, in games of skill that challenge our abilities.

Come join us at the Ruth Arcan Park for the day, from 10 am to 10 pm.

There will be a Baroness' Championship Gauntlet-style tourney for both heavy and rapier fighters. Tourney will be based on a point system for each contestant:

Gauntlet obstacle course -- engage guardian of the bridge; run the bridge and at the end throw a spear at the troll; circle the 'lake' jumping from stone to stone, at the end of the stones shoot bow at the poisoned apple; dance one dance with the 'lady of the lake.'

This will be followed with 30-minute bearpit fighting, one for rapier and one for heavy.

Archery contest.

Playing a game of strategy at the tables.

Dancing.

Your consort and family can earn you points by entering into any of the challenges as well.

There will be available for all to participate in: archery contest for adults, children's archery contest, tables for games of strategy (9 man morris checkers, mancala, etc), and dancing (note to fighters -- you get points for dancing).

Feast -- your choice of potluck, bring enough to feed 8-10 people with ingredient list for any allergies.

Court and bardic are included in the activities.

Dress warm and in layers in the chance the weather is contradictory.

Event fee is \$10 for adults (+\$5 for nonmembers), \$5 for children 10-15, children under 10 are free.

For more information, contact the autocrat, Syr Verica de Lighthaven (Kathy Judge), 338-6355 (home), 223-2407 (cell), wingedcup3@yahoo.com.

Event Reports and Thanks:

Heart Revel

Your Chronicler was not at Heart Revel, but has heard various reports, and it seems the well-attended event was fun-filled, with lots of activities and good food. Her Highness Dagmar visited Their northern lands, and was accompanied by Sir Varyag, Principality Marshall. Thanks to Varyag's attendance, yet another fighter, Conall, has been authorized. It was reported the field also included Haelgath, Conall, Aine inghen lochlann, Sapphira and Viscount Varyag. If anyone is inadvertently omitted, please let the chronicler know.

At baronial court, Conall of Winter's Gate and Aine inghen lochlann were awarded Gilded Lilies for their notably deaths. And Hallbiorn Erlændar son was invested as the Baroness' Champion.

Also at court, it has been reported to the chronicler, that Baron Khevron, heralding, did lead the final cheers by calling "Lord Live the King and King." His Excellency insists he was saying Queen, and that perhaps the Fool of Winter's Gate (also himself) was making his presence known uninvited. He was also heard to say, "Hip, hip, huzzah, Hip hup, huzzah!" At which time, having no apparent control of his Fool, tossed his court papers from behind the thrones to the floor, stepped around to discard his herald's tabard on the floor on the papers, and place his Fool's cap upon his head, and then resumed his herald's post. All of which was greeted by peels of laughter from the populace. Well done, Herald, er, Fool!

Autocrat Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this event a success, as everyone who autocrats an event says. Until I had actually done it myself, I always shrugged and stated I didn't do too much. However, thank you is not even close to the correct statement.

Every wonderful soul, each of you that walked through the door, have my never-ending, loving, humble gratitude for among this such a wonderful event, and the help at the end was kinda awesome too.

To my Baron and Baroness, your presence, as always, is such an inspiration to your Barony. Your Excellency Cempestrae, your wonderful skills in the Art of Feeding Face is beyond compare, and the ricotta were epic.

Mistress Margery and Baron Griffin, the event site was most appreciated. The kitchen was wonderful.

To Her Excellency Ellisif, rest assure your lessons in the Art of Kitchen Minion have not gone to waste.

To my lovely daughter Tiana, your hard work and dedication to assisting me behind the scenes was awesomesauce, and those poor little lambs, they sure were tasty.

To my loving Mistress Margery, Lady Iriniia, and Lady Isabella Hawke, your soothing words of "it's okay, breath," "eat," "drink," and assurances throughout the entire time leading up to the event, that I was going to do fine and during, was needed and totally epicsauce.

To Lady Ciara, Her Excellency Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Seas, Joanna, and Conall, an event cannot be done alone. It takes a populace to come together and do all the tidbits that need doing -- you all rock!!

If I didn't name you, I beg your forgiveness, except you, Lord Haelgath, you are all in my heart. Yes, you too, Lord Haelgath.

Forever in Service of the Populace,
Elisheva bint Sitt al-Sirr

Miscellaneous

Principality Officers Needed

The current principality seneschale, Ellisif, has announced she will be stepping down at Midsummer Coronet. Anyone interested in the position is requested to contact her at your earliest convenience.

She has also announced the principality is in need of a permanent exchequer, which is a job that can be done easily by someone at a distance from the population center of the principality. She greatly encourages those from the more 'remote' areas to consider this position. For more information or to express interest in either position, please contact her at seneschal@oertha.westkingdom.org.

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

Request for Coronet Competitions

Are there any guilds interested in sponsoring competitions for Midsummer Coronet? For example, the Herbal and Leechcraft guild competition is a first aid item, with documentation, explaining its uses in period and current efficacy in the Knowne World.

Do any of the other guilds want to come up with something? If so, please contact Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva (Tamie Fogle), tamfogle@ptialaska.net, 486-6259 before 10 pm.

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.

--Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov

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And now for something entirely different:

Du'ad Bob Review

Yes, I know, it's taken me long enough to get around to watching, and reviewing, this month's movie. And I don't really have a very good excuse. I mean, sure, for all my talk about sitting down in by La-Z-Bubba recliner, I really don't have a lot of "spare" time and can't watch all the movies that I would like to. But what kind of excuse is that? I mean, I've made time before for other movies, and even gone to see some of them in the theaters, even when they were playing in limited release which meant that I had to drive a lot further to get to them. As a comparatively recent example, Joss Whedon's *Much Ado About Nothing* springs almost immediately to mind. So, sure, I'm busy, but apparently not too busy. So what's my excuse for not catching this month's movie in the theaters? Honestly, I don't have one. I just didn't get around to catching it on the big screen. Which meant that I had to wait until it showed up on "View on Demand" on the big screen in my living room when it was finally available there. And now it was. And I did. And thus it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you the latest addition to the Walt Disney "Pantheon of Princesses," in **Brave**.

A Pixar animated film, starring the voices of Kelly Macdonald as Merida, Billy Connolly as King Fergus, Emma Thompson as Queen Elinor, Julie Walters as the Witch, Robbie Coltrane as Lord Dingwall, Kevin McKidd as both Lord McGuffin and his son Young McGuffin, and Craig Ferguson as Lord Macintosh, this is the story of a Scottish (as if you couldn't tell just from the names of the characters and the actors) princess determined to make her own path in life instead of the one chosen for her by her position, who makes a reckless choice which unleashes unintended danger and forces her to rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse. The movie is rated PG for "AC", or "adult content," but unless that includes the few instances of somewhat rude humor, I'm not at all sure what "adult content" they're talking about. Sure, a couple of the fight scenes were a little scary, but that's violence, not adult. So I don't know why it has that rating.

Good points: The songs. (Of course, it is a Disney movie!) The Lewis chessmen. (If you don't already know about these, you should look them up on-line.) The soundtrack (music by Patrick Doyle). The knotwork snowflakes in the early part of the closing credits. The CGI, especially in the rendering of Merida's hair and the horses' manes. Wow!

Bad points: Three drones on the bagpipes. (The addition of a third drone to Scottish war pipes was much later than the time period in which this movie is supposed to be set.) Sewing on horseback at a full gallop. Modern morality and ethics, rather than the medieval morality and ethics of the movie's time.

Zero breasts. (I did mention that this was a Disney movie, didn't I?) Zero blood. No bodies on screen. Arrow fu. Spear fu. Sword fu. Mace fu. Haggis fu. (No, really!) Transformation fu. Salmon fu. Standing stone fu. Merida rolls. Beer rolls. Gratuitous gender stereotyping ("She's a lady" and "Ladies don't do such things"). Gratuitous slo-

mo. Gratuitous woad. Gratuitous will o' the wisps. (Yes, I know they are a plot device. They're still gratuitous.) Gratuitous rope of kilts. Gratuitous trilithon (two standing stones capped by a third one; you know, like at Stonehenge, in England). Academy Award nominations to Julie Walters as the Witch for "I'm not a witch; too many unsatisfied customers," and to Kelly Macdonald as Merida for "Our fate lives within us; you only have to be brave enough to see it." A mere 37 on the Vomit Meter. 3½ stars. Da'ud Bob says "Check it out!"

*Editor's Note: Da'ud Bob has announced that having finished his 28th year of movie reviews, he has published **Volume 14 of Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Movies**, a booklet containing the last two years of movie reviews. For information and purchase this and earlier volumes (including **Da'ud Bob ibn Briggs Goes to the Shakespeare Movies**), check out www.appletonstudios.com/movies.htm.*

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