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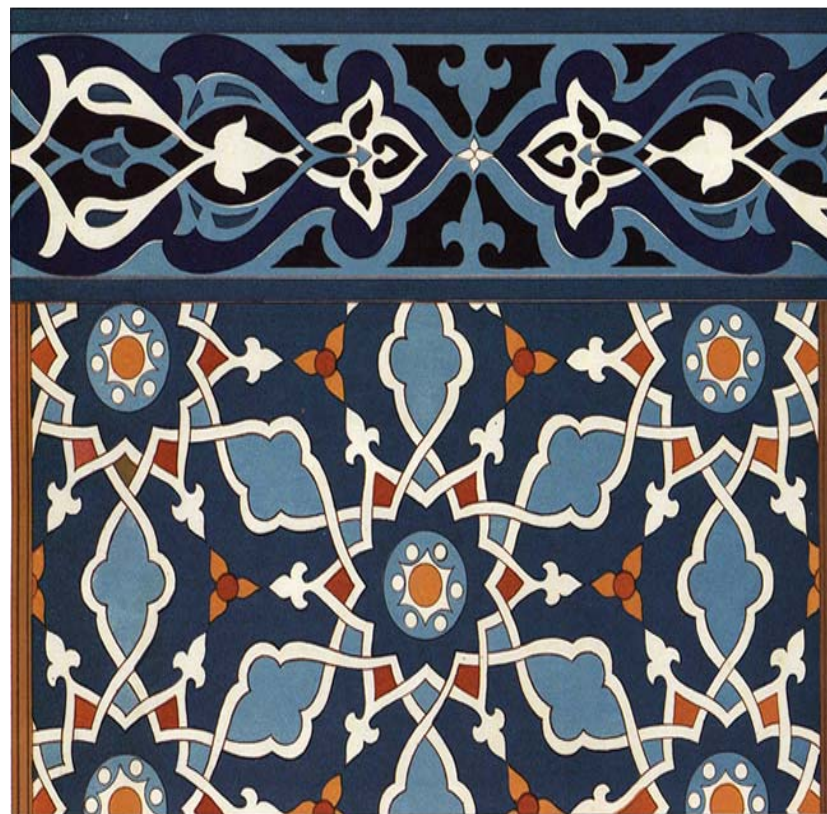


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AS XXXIX August 2004

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Their Highnesses Murchad and Morrigan



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**From The Gryphon Thrones:**

We Murchad and Morrigan were pleased and proud to attend the Inlands/Avacal war and witness the many acts of ferocity and chivalry upon the battlefield against our friendly foes, the Inlands. As our Reign draws to a close, Avacal can look forward to the capable and fun leadership of TE's Vik and Inga, positive changes in the Barony of Myrgan Wood and exciting growth within her shires. Avacal is populated by talented, loyal warm people, and we have been very honoured to have represented you as your Prince and Princess.

Thank you Avacal, from Us both.

**From the Heirs to the Thrones:**

We wish to extend huge thanks to everyone who made the journey south to support the first Avacal / Inlands War in Weldsmere this August long weekend. What a fabulous event! The dedication and skill of Avacal's warriors in archery, heavy and rapier combat made us very proud. In particular we wish to thank the Lost Viking and House Issormr for making the Avacal army strong. Thanks are also due to our surprise allies from Clan Carn who, though not from our Principality, added over a dozen warriors to our ranks. Despite the heat great fun was had by all and Avacal showed our neighbours to the south what mettle we are made of. In the end the war was a draw so we simply will have to do it all again next year!

We hope to see you all at our Investiture this month and invite you to enjoy the hospitality of Sigelhundas. To all warriors of sword and arrow we send the call - come show your skill, prove your worth and compete to serve as Champions of Avacal.

Avacal! Together We Conquer!

Vik and Inga

## Rants & Ramblings from the Regent

### Greetings unto all the populace of Avacal,

Heartfelt Congratulations to Lord Owen, Lord Volchuk, and all the Quad War autocrating team for a magnificent job done under such adverse conditions. Your leadership brought forth in your fellow Avacalians the best of cooperation and mutual assistance. I am astounded at how you rose to each new challenge with not only competence and assurance but with such good will and good humour. Well done and hats off to you all !

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the instructors who have stepped forward to share their knowledge with their fellow Avacalians and with those from afar at the tenth Quad War. I also wish to thank the volunteers who have helped out in the preparations for this event and in donating their time and effort at Quad War. Finally I want to thank you, the people of Avacal, who have come forward and registered for classes and thereby shown your support and enthusiasm for Their Highnesses' University of Avacal for you are the teachers of tomorrow.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that a number of applicants have come forward to offer their energies in the positions of Chancellors. The skills, dedication, and selflessness of these individuals were all outstanding and therefore the process of selection was indeed difficult. I thank those of far greater distinction and experience than myself, especially Their Highnesses, for their guidance in choosing these officers of Avacal. Their Highnesses have approved and appointed Lady Dyrfinna the Wanderer as Chancellor for the Barony of Montengarde, milady Ann Fawkes for the greater Vatsndalr area, and Lady Jocatta for the southern area of Avacal. My heartfelt congratulations go to them. May they serve Avacal well.

In the months ahead these Chancellors will be taking over much of the organization of THUA Collegia and will be working directly with the event autocrats and other staff of shire and barony events. I urge you, the people of Avacal, to extend to them the support and cooperation you have shown me. They will be easing into their roles and acquiring familiarity with these new offices. As much of the structure of the University is still in development and in its infancy, I charge you to display the generosity of spirit and willingness to help for which Avacal is known in all your dealings with these new Chancellors of this, your University.

The regional Chancellors are not restricted to only their nominal territory; they may act at large as situations demand. Nonetheless, in order that the burden of

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### Samhain October 23, 2004

Join us in a joyous celebration of the last harvest, a time when the Sidhe walk, spirits flow and spines tingle. A time when things are not always what they seem. Welcome to a renaissance masquerade.

The doors swing wide at 11:00 am at the Wildwood Community hall with many activities through out the day. The good people of our barony will share their talents in the fall harvest arts and science displays. You can participate in mask making classes that will cloak your identity in mystery for the nights activities. The Pied Piper will lead the children in traditional games.

Samhain martial events are sure to bring out the finest our realm. You will have a chance to participate in Archery, Rapier, and Heavy Tournaments all with a dark twist.

Dress in your finest court garb and new masks for the masquerade ball, it is surely to be the highlight of the event. The Ball begins at 7:00pm and the Elizabethan and Renaissance period dancing soon after.

Share the bounty of the harvest by bringing your finest finger foods to share. If your last name begins with A-M bring "The Sweet" (desserts). If you are a N-Z bring "The Savory" (appetizers).

For more information visit:  
<http://www.montengarde.org>

Fees: For Adults 8\$, Youth (6-16) 4\$, and children under 6 free  
Note that 4\$ non-member surcharge in effect

### Barony of Montengarde Calgary, AB

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Site Info: The event will take place at Wildwood Community Hall, 4411 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary, AB Hall Web site <http://www.calgarycommunities.com/communities/CA/s/wildwood.htm>

Directions:  
From the North: take Deerfoot Trail (HWY 2) Southbound to 16Ave N (Trans Canada Hwy 1), take West Bound 16 Ave N to Crowchild Trail South, take Crowchild Trail south to Bow Trail, the exit is just after the Bridge over the Bow River (right), take Westbound Bow Trail to 45 St SW, head north (right) on 45 ST SW and turn Right on Spruce Dr.

From the South: take Deerfoot (HWY 2) North to (eastbound) Glenmore Trail (HWY 8) to Sarcee Trail, Head North to Bow Trail (right turn), take East bound Bow Trail to 45 St SW, head north (left) on 45 ST SW and turn Right on Spruce Dr.

From the West: take the Trans Canada (Hwy 1) to Sarcee Trail South (Just Past Olympic park), head south to Bow Trail (left at the lights), take East bound Bow Trail to 45 St SW, head north (left) on 45 ST SW and turn Right on Spruce Dr.

And look for the SCA signs as well



**Silver Jubilee**  
**October 9, 2004**  
**Myrgan Wood (Saskatoon, SK)**

Gather 'round good gentles of the known world a day of great celebration is soon upon us. On the Ninth day of October in the nine and thirtieth year Annos Societatus being two millennia and four Gregorian, in the Majestic Kingdom of An Tir and in the Principality of Avacal, eastern pride of An Tir, a noble Barony is about to celebrate it's Silver Jubilee. For five and twenty years MYRGAN WOOD has stood, a bastion of royal allegiance serving many great warrior Kings, and now with humble joy the Baron and Baroness: THEIR EXCELLENCIES RAOUL AND ROXANNE DE LA ROCHE AND THE BARONY OF MYRGAN WOOD, call on all in the Kingdom of An Tir and beyond to journey forth and join in the festivities as Myrgan Wood celebrates this great occasion.

The day's events shall include: Poetry (25 words OR 25 lines OR 25 stanzas) about Myrgan Wood; Calligraphy and/or Illumination of the word or number 25 or name Myrgan Wood or above mentioned poetry; Costuming in any period era/culture utilizing any or all three Baronial colours (white/silver, red & green); Heavy Armoured Combat (Baronial Champion, Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Light Armour Combat (Baronial Champion, Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Rapier Combat (Day's Victor/ix and Lottery); Royal, Principality & Baronial Court; dancing; the Troubadours du Bois; a

sumptuous feast; and the Baroness' Brunch.

The festivities will take place at the Brian King Centre in Warman, approximately 13 kilometres north of the City of Saskatoon on Highway 11. No street address available. Postal code S0K 4S0. The Hall will open at 10:00 am. Registration for all tournaments shall commence at 10:30 am, tournaments to follow, the bar opens at six the feast begins at 7:00 pm, court and dancing to follow. Site closes at 1:30 am

**Fees are:** Site alone \$8.00 cdn / Site + Feast \$16.00; Children aged 12-16 are ½ price and under 12 years are free. The \$4 NMS will be levied were required and appropriate.

Baroness' Brunch will be on Sunday October 11th, details to follow.

**Reservations:** Reservations can be booked via: e-mail, phone or mail until October 1st 2004 or when 200 feast tickets are sold. ALL reservations must be confirmed with a cheque or money order made out to SCA-Myrgan Wood within THREE weeks of booking or by October 1st, whichever comes first.

Send Reservations and inquires to the **Autocrat:** Master Heinrich Kannesohn, MKA Kelly Ries / 317-27th Street W Saskatoon SK S7L 0J7, 306.653.70

office not fall too heavily on too few shoulders, there is still need for Chancellors in other areas. I would like to see applicants come forward for the Shire of Cold Keep, for the northern area of Avacal, and for the greater area of the Barony of Myrgan Wood and the Shire of Sigelhundas. There remains much to be done.

I will be traveling and away from SCA activities from the last week of July through to the end of August. Some of the projects I have initiated may malinge a little for a time and for this I apologize to the populace. In my role as Regent I intend to return with renewed vigor and to advance the presence of the University and to refine its infrastructure. The activities of THUA will continue unabated under the able direction of the new Chancellors. I commend them to your care.

Yours in service to Avacal,  
 Lord Ezekiel Hrafnklo  
 THUA High Regent  
 "Coniunctim Vinciemus"

## Musings from the Chronicler:

### Greetings Avacal!

Again not that much room for me—That's a good sign. Still I just want to apologize for the lateness of this edition. July ended with a major move and I just got unpacked enough to find my computer. Much fun. Anyways hope you enjoy this month's AG. Keep those submissions coming.

Ever in Service  
 The Lady Manyra.

# Court Reports

The following awards were given out:

3 July 2004 Quad War Murchad and Morrigan  
 AoA Lovisa (Bordergate)  
 AoA Freja of House Isomr (Vatndalr)  
 GF Viridis Alitea Solari  
 PKnot Annys Bradwardyn  
 PKnot Mirr the Butcher's Wife (Artemisia)

**Hazzah to all recent award recipients.**  
**For the complete Avacal OP please visit:**  
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**Any corrections or updates can be sent to Master Mordecai Avacal OP Deputy at [rslansky1@shaw.ca](mailto:rslansky1@shaw.ca)**

## Royal Summons for Principality Officers:

The following positions are open to anyone in the SCA who currently resides in the Principality of Avacal. If you would like more information regarding this position please contact the incumbent or your local officer. If you are interested in applying for any of the following positions, please submit a letter of intent along with a copy of your resume containing both SCA and mundane experience to Prince, Princess and Principality Seneschal and the current officer if requested. Contact information is listed at the back of the Avantgarde.

**\*\*\* Anyone interested in becoming a deputy may contact the Officer of the position of interest. The help is always welcome\*\*\***

**Principality Calendar:** The Principality Calendar is responsible for the orderly scheduling of events within the Principality. He or she works to make sure that branch events do not conflict with Kingdom events (Coronations, Crowns, etc.), Principality events or with events in the local area. The Principality Calendar Deputy receives the forms which are required in order to hold official events. These forms, called the Date Reservation Form and the Event Information Form can be found on the Avacal website and at each branch seneschal. He or she also ensures those events are listed in the appropriate newsletters and websites.

**Exchequer:** Exchequers are responsible for maintaining the financial records of their branch and for ensuring that all funds are spent to further the Society's non-profit, educational purpose. Branch Exchequers must maintain permanent, detailed books and records of all financial activity. All records must be retained for at least seven years. The Principality Exchequer provides financial counsel to the branches within their territory. They also act as part of the audit team when a branch's books are audited. According to Society Financial Policy, each branch is required to have a financial committee composed of two or more people and always including the Branch Seneschal and the Branch Exchequer. Therefore, the Branch Exchequer has considerable input, but does not control, how the funds are spent.

**Chirurgeon:** The responsibilities of the Kingdom Chirurgeon shall include: administer the chirurgeonate to provide voluntary first aid at Society events including, but not limited to, tournament combat; and procedures for notifying attendees of health and safety concerns at Society events. An Tir maintains a system for warranting chirurgeons. In order to be a warranted chirurgeon applicants need to provide the Kingdom Chirurgeon with: proof of membership; a current CPR card; and a current Red Cross or St. John's First Aid Card. Within the chirurgeonate, Chirurgeons are divided into apprentice chirurgeons, warranted chirurgeons and master chirurgeons. The title master chirurgeon is an honorary title and can only be held by a warranted chirurgeon.

**Bardic Deputy:** The Bardic Officer position is a relatively new office, and its duties are still to some extent made by the person in the position. Those set down thus far are:

- 1) Encourage performance of all sorts through out Avacal (this means Dance, Singing, Juggling, Acting, Poetry, or anything else that falls under the heading of performance).
- 2) Report quarterly (four times a year) to the Avacal A&S Officer (Ceis), with a cc: to the Kingdom Bardic deputy officer. (AnTir Bardic Deputy : Mistress Isolde de la Vielle-a-

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## Vinfest VI October 1-3, 2004

## Shire of Vinjar Grande Prairie, Alberta

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez. Once again the spectre of a harsh winter is upon us. With the harvest safely off the fields, join the Shire of Vinjar as the skilled compete in Heavy, Rapier, Archery Tourney's. Come for the renowned "Grape Stomp" as well as the first annual "Maighstir Gruadaire" (Master Brewer) competition. The Drover's Reach Tavern will be open for business. \*No outside alcohol will be allowed\*

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR MEALS AND BEDS, SPACE IS LIMITED

**Site fee:** Adults - non SCA members \$10 + 4 NMS = \$ 14 Cdn  
\$10 with a paid membership.

The site is wheelchair accessible and has indoor showers/washrooms.

Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday evening (limited to 110) Reservations deadline for feast is September 24th

### SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY:

7PM Site Opens

#### SATURDAY:

9:00 -10 am Rapier Inspection

9:00 - 5:00 Arts and Science Display

10:00 - 1 pm Rapier competition and scenarios

1:00 - PM Archery Inspection & Lists Open

1:30 -4 PM Archery Competition

2:00 PM Heavy Amour Inspection & List

Open

2:30 - 4:00 PM Heavy Tournament

4 PM - 1st annual Maighstir Gruadaire (Brew

Master Competition - period documentation highly encouraged)

5:30 PM Grape Stomping

6:30 PM Feast

Court to follow Feast

#### SUNDAY:

Clean Up

Noon Site Closes

Bed fee:\$10 per person per night. (There are 56 beds in heated cabins -26 top bunks in heated cabins). Bring your own bedding. There will also be limited camping space at \$5 per tent. (Smalls under 12 free except bed fee applies) (Smalls under 6 free)

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Registration for site/meals:  
a Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail  
Box 983 Beaverlodge AB, T0H 0C0(780)354-3803 vfoستر@telusplanet.net

-Makes cheques payable to ASCA Canton of Vinjar

**Feastocrat** - a Bhantiarna Sadb ingen Thuathail (see above) - Please contact Feastocrat with any food allergies

Limited indoor merchant space will be available until 5 PM on Saturday, please contact autocrat to reserve a table, outdoor merchanting welcome all weekend. There will be no merchant fees, donations to tournament prizes always welcome.

**Directions to site** There is no street address or postal code for this site. Camp Tamarack Camp Ground, not the RV Park!

Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turning LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction. Follow Hwy 43 South/100 St. to 116 Ave. (just past McDonalds - watch for "Hwy 43 West/Alaska" overhead sign). At 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. Follow Hwy 43 to 100 Ave. (by Staples). At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, now following Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road(108 St.) (watch for "Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road" overhead sign). Follow Hwy 40 South through and out of Grande Prairie. Continue south of Grande Prairie 5km, and turn LEFT at "Camp Tamarack" signage and follow the SCA signs.

From Dawson Creek: enter Grande Prairie on Highway 43 past airport. Turn right on highway 40/Wapiti Road. Travel south of Grande Prairie 5km; turn left at Camp Tamarack signage and follow the SCA signs.

## Harvest Feast 2004 Sept10-11-12, 2004

Let the Celebration of the Harvest Begin! We Invite the Known World to join us in choosing our new Heavy, Rapier, Archery and A&S Champions. Open To All! Be it known that a Period format letter of intent is required for the Heavy, to be handed in prior to Tourney! Personal Heraldry is also required! A Magnificent Feast is planned Bitter End style! Bardic competition Sat Night!

SITE OPENS- Friday 5 pm  
Saturday

Archery Tourney and A&S  
Competition- 11am  
Heavy Lists open- 12pm.  
Close at 1pm  
Heavy Tourney- 1pm  
Rapier Tourney- 1:30pm  
A&S Judging- 4pm  
Feast- 6:00

PLEASE PRE- REGISTER FOR  
FEAST!

Court- 8pm  
Bardic- 9pm

Sunday Site Closes - 3pm  
Squedule is subject and tentative to  
their Highnesses.

Site is discreetly wet! Members and  
Guests only please. Pets allowed but  
must be leashed. Plenty of Camping

## Shire of Bitter End Red Deer, AB

space! Merchants must Pre- register  
for space!!! If you do not pre-register  
you will not be aloud to Set up!  
NO EXCEPTIONS! Please contact the  
Auto-Crat !

Site Fee's Site and Feast ( members)-  
\$18 (Non- Members Please add \$4  
NMS)

Site only( Members)- \$6  
(Non- Members Please add \$4 NMS)  
Please make Cheques payable to  
ASCA Shire of Bitter End

### Directions:

Central Park Hall (no street address or  
postal code) Coming north from Gaetz  
Ave Go past 11A, I Km and turn Left  
onto TWP RD 391. Look for sign that  
says central park road. go 3/4 Km and  
turn left at blue sign. Hall is on west  
corner. Site will be massivly signed!!!

### AutoCrat:

Lady Sybell Deya- ( Melissa  
Brubaker) #7 Wallace Close  
Red Deer, AB T4N 5L8  
spiral\_orchid@hotmail.com  
403-343-3039 ( no calls past 9pm)

Feast O Crats  
Alvin and Angela Brubaker  
403-343-3039 ( no calls past 9pm)

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Roue). Your report should contain info on what is going on in Avacal for performance.  
3)Develop the Avacal Bardic Website  
Please submit two resumes (mundane and SCA) to both me and Ceis. Please note that  
the Bardic Deputy is a warranted office, and the officer must hold a current SCA  
membership, so applicants must be prepared to obtain a membership if they do not  
already have one.

**NMS and Waiver Deputy:** This is a new deputy of the Principality Seneschal's Office  
and the duties will include communicating with the Kingdom NMS Coordinator and all  
Avacal branches, keeping up to date with any changes to the Non-member Surcharge  
policy, overseeing the submissions monies from of qualifying events, and ensuring that  
waivers are being correctly utilized at events and that they are submitted to Kingdom in  
a timely fashion. Deputy will report to the Principality Seneschal. Any one interested  
in this position should send their applications to Their Highnesses with a copy to the  
Principality Seneschal.

**Chronicler:** As Principality Chronicler, you will be responsible for the regular  
publication of the Principality newsletter *The Avantgarde*. Either directly, in  
partnership, or through deputies, you will take Curia minutes; publish the updated  
Laws of Avacal; encourage the publication of the results of research; facilitate  
communication within the Principality; maintain a record of events and other matters  
which may be of historical interest; and review the newsletters within the Principality  
to make sure that they comply with Kingdom policy, don't violate copyright laws, and  
present a favorable view of the Society. You will also act as a contact between  
Kingdom and local groups and as a resource for branch chroniclers.

**Gules Signet Scribe:** The Gules Signet is the chief scribe for the Principality and is  
responsible for all scrolls that are produced within the Principality. Gules Signet acts as  
the principal deputy for assuring the accuracy of scrolls, their timely assignment and  
completion, and their delivery to the recipients. S/he, or a designate, is also the holder  
of the Principality Seal. Gules Signet takes care of the following:

- Promoting the Scribal Arts within the Principality.
- Providing wax seals to the Monarchs for charters and scrolls during each reign.
- Managing the production and distribution of Charter Scrolls for the Monarchs in  
the absence of a designated Charter Deputy or Royal Scribe.
- Managing the production and distribution of Original Scrolls to recipients.
- Assisting the College of Heralds as necessary to ensure the accurate and timely  
completion of scroll commissions.
- Managing such funds as are budgeted and allocated to this office by the  
Principality and this officer's supervisor, and ensuring their proper disbursement  
in accordance with the Principality of Avacal and Kingdom of An Tir financial  
policy.
- Training and supervising such deputies and scribes as are needed to accomplish  
these duties.

**Regalia:** The Regalia Officer is responsible for keeping track of all the Principality  
Regalia. This includes banners, thrones, the Principality Pavilion, and all decorative  
accouterments. Also responsible for tending to the maintenance of regalia in  
cooperation with their Highnesses.

## ASK ACCA

From event etiquette to helpful hints, let St. Acca put your fears to rest and clear the muddles in your brain.

Dear St. Acca,

I've never been called up into Court before, and I'm terrified that if I ever am I'll make a fool of myself in front of Their Majesties and the entire Kingdom. What do I do? Help!

Signed,  
Mortified in Montengarde

*Gentle Mortified,*

*Being called up into court should be a cause for joy, not anxiety. The first thing to remember is, unless you know that you've requested time for an announcement of some kind, it is likely that you are about to be recognized as having done something wonderful. And how bad can that be?*

*So, when it happens to you, take a deep breath. Walk to the center back of the aisle. Take another deep breath. Curtsey or bow. Take another deep breath. Pray for a member of the Royal Guard, or a kind member of the populace to step forth and offer you their arm as escort. Walk forward to about 3-5 metres before the thrones, curtsey/bow again, then continue forward and kneel on the pillow so thoughtfully provided at the feet of the Crown. If you're in a dress, give it a wee hike so you don't kneel on it. Take a deep breath. Try not to fall over. If They offer their hands to you, take them. Try to hear what's being said over the sound of the blood rushing in your ears, as it is likely to be positive recognition of some sort. Their Majesties will likely give you a hand up at the end of it, and might offer you*

*a hug. It is at your discretion to accept either, but Acca recommends the hand up at the very least. Watch your dress. They may also offer you a scroll or charter, or some other gift. These will **not** blow up in your hands. Remember to breathe. Curtsey/bow. Take two or three steps backwards. Curtsey/bow again. Pray your escort shows up with the proffered arm. Once you're about ten metres or so away from the Thrones, it is acceptable to turn around and walk back out the way you came in to return to your seat in court. Some might say that one should never turn their back on the Crown, but Acca would argue that it is far better to have Them get a brief glance at your backside than to find yourself upon it in front of them from a sudden gust of gravity caused by attempting to back up the length of a football field..*

Dear St. Acca,

There is a person in my local group who is astoundingly annoying, but vital to our existence. How can I deal with this person's abrasive nature, still acknowledging their contributions, and without causing problems within our group?

Signed,  
All fed up with nowhere to go

*Gentle fed up,*

It is a truth that our Society attracts all kinds of people with very different opinions, presence and ways of being. That is part of what makes our game so

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## Flight or Fancy--A Dandy Event August 28th, 2004

Shire of Vatnsdalr  
Edmonton, AB

Join the Shire of Vatnsdalr as we select our champions of archery and rapier. In addition to the championship tourneys, we will have a prize Armoured tournament and a Bardic Circle around a bonfire. The site opens at 9:00 am Saturday, and the event runs until midnight. While this is not an Overnight event, we are happy to coordinate crash-space for our out-of-shire guests; please contact the autocrat for details. Please bring your own drinking water, and keep any pets on-leash. Some merchenting space is available; Contact the autocrat for details. For those with allergies, please be forewarned that there are horses and dogs present at the farm.

### Site Fees:

Members, 6\$  
Non-Members, 10\$ (including 4\$ non-member surcharge)  
Ages 6-12, 3\$

Ages 5 and under, Free  
Please make cheques payable to:  
ASCA Canton of Aquilon.

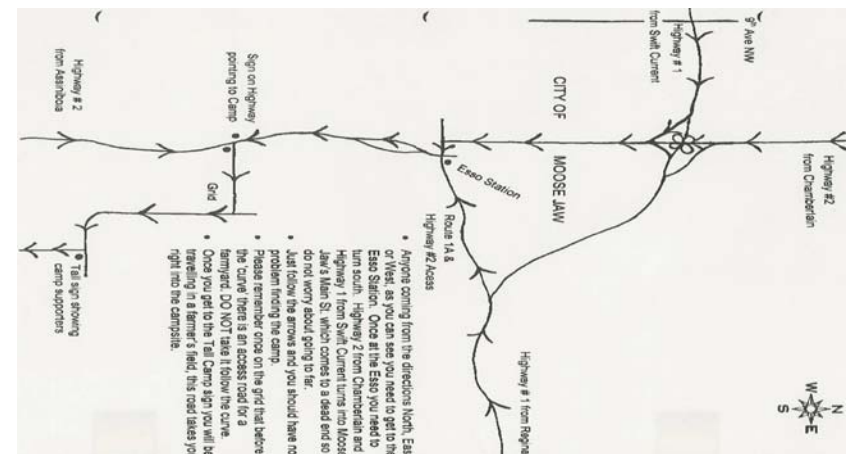
**Autocrat:** Ann Fawkes (Jessie McKitrick) #406, 11635-102 ave, Edmonton, AB, T5K-0R4 (780) 482-3632, sjmckit@telus.net

### Directions:

>From Edmonton: South on Hwy 2 to 2A (Wetaskiwin, Millet, turn-off) which is just past 2nd overpass at Leduc. South on 2A, 5 km on left side over tracks directly into the Reader Farm.

>From the south: Take Hwy 2 to Glen Park Rd, turn east (left) to Hwy 2A, turn North (left) go approx 2 km or 2nd lane on right, over tracks directly into the Reader Farm.

Map to August Investiture



## Avacal Investiture August 20 - 21 - 22, 2004

## Sigelhundas Regina, SK

Their Highnesses, Prince Murchad and Princess Morrigan, invite you to attend them on August 20, 21, and 22, to witness the Investment of the heirs to the thrones of Avacal and the choosing of the new Principality Champions of Sword and Arrow.

### Site Fees:

Camping Fee: \$13.00 (for all three days) per person  
Day Fee: \$5.00 per day per person  
Children (small people 12 yrs old and under): \$3.00 per day  
Smalls (very small people 5 yrs old and under): Free  
Note: \$4.00 Non-member surcharge is in effect

Reservations can be made at: [reservations@sigelhundas.org](mailto:reservations@sigelhundas.org)  
Please include the following information with your reservation: home group name, SCA name, mundane name, membership # (if applicable), and if you are needing a space on Merchant's Row.

Please make cheques payable to "QCSCA"

The event will be held at the Boy Scout camp just south of Moose Jaw, SK. (no street address or postal code)

**Directions:** Take Hwy #2 south through Moose Jaw and from the south edge of the city continue south for 3.1km to the left turn (east). There is a sign on Hwy pointing to camp. Go east for 1.6km until the T junction and turn right (south). Drive 1.3km south to the junction and turn left (east). Continue to the Boy Scout camp sign, turn right (south). Follow the dirt road to the parking area. Remember to keep an eye out for the SCA signs along the way to know you are on the right path.

A Map can be found on the next page and at the website listed below.

### Tentative and very flexible schedule (at the whim of Their Highnesses):

Friday 20th

- Site Opens at noon

Saturday 21st

- Pelicans' Council in morning

- Laurels' Council in morning

- Knights' Council in morning

Noon - Investiture of new Prince and Princess of Avacal

1:00 - Lists open for both Championship Tourneys

2:00 - Armour inspection opens for both Tourneys; Lists close

2:30 - Invocation of the Lists for Sword; tourney begins

3:00 - Invocation of the Lists for Archery; tourney begins

7:00 - Evening Court

- Noble Estate in evening

Sunday 22nd

- Principality Curia in morning

- Site closes at 1:00pm

Event information, including a map to the site and an up to date schedule of events, can be found at:

<http://investiture.sigelhundas.org>

### Autocrats:

His Lordship Thomas de Monet (mka: Stu Glennie)

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## Costuming Tips from Avacal Circus

The following is a collection of sewing tips posted to the Avacal Circus. Thank you to every one who contributed and especially to Zenoiva who gathered and organized it all for publications. Keep 'em coming!

### 2004-06-27 French seams and gores

Tunics are pretty straightforward, and so are French seams, but how do you put them together? The trick is in the intersections of seams: they can be very neat, just make sure you don't sew through the intersection.

To insert a triangular gore into what will become a side seam:

1. Attach gore to body piece. Start sewing at the bottom (wide end) of the gore with a seam allowance of e.g. 2/8".

2. At the top of the gore, stop sewing when the needle is 2/8" from both edges of the gore—that is, when the gore is 4/8" wide and the needle is right in the middle. If you feel confident that you're stopping at the right place, backstitch. If not, you can continue to sew for a few stitches, which you'll eventually undo and tie off.

3. Sew the other side of the gore to the other body piece in the same way, stopping at the same point. If you've sewn too far, undo enough stitches so that the two lines of stitching meet as close as possible.

4. Sew the side seam starting at the top of the gore, still with a 2/8" seam allowance.

5. Iron all three seams open. Fold along seams with right sides together and iron seams.

6. Repeat the process (gore side 1, gore side 2, side seam) using a wider seam allowance, e.g. 3/8", for the second seam.

Note that French seams are a bit fussy and depend on accurate cutting. This

shouldn't be a problem, however, if the garment pieces are cut with straight lines. Think rectangular construction.

Zenoiva

### 2004-07-10 Keep a projects notebook

Recording your costuming projects in a notebook can be handy.

I like to sketch out my new designs in a 5½ x 8½" unlined notebook so I have all the necessary info together in one place, rather than try to keep track of doodles on paper napkins and envelopes. Here's the kind of info I like to record:

\* name of the thing I'm trying to make ("10-gore dress"; "Viking tunic for so-and-so")

\* the kind of fabric I plan to use ("blue wool")

\* the date designed (so I can tell exactly how long I've been procrastinating)

\* a diagram of the finished garment/object with finished dimensions marked as well as the dimensions that I need to cut (e.g. finished dimensions plus seam allowance)

\* layout of how I plan to cut the required pieces out of the length of fabric

\* date completed (if applicable :-))

Aside from it being nice to have your designs all in one place, the notebook has other uses. You may find after you've worked out the dimensions and layout that there isn't enough fabric; you haven't cut your fabric but you still have the design if you want to try again with

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different fabric. Also, if a completed project doesn't quite work out how you expected, you can note what you would do differently for next time.

Because I generally make early period, rectangular construction garb, I don't often need to work from a traced pattern—the 'recipe' in the notebook is often enough. If you happen to produce a garment you love, it'll be easier to recreate it from your notes. (If you're making a garment with a sophisticated fit, however, be sure to keep a pattern of some sort— old *Avantgarde* envelopes are great for storing paper patterns <hint!>.)

It's instructive to make a garment then compare its dimensions to what you originally calculated. Did it work out how you intended? Compare again after you've worn the garment a while—it may have shrunk or stretched, depending on the fabric.

If your notebook is big enough, you could even staple in swatches of your fabric. This makes a nice scrapbook and is handy if you go to the fabric store looking for complementary fabric to go with fabric at home or existing garb.

Zenovia

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great. Acca commends you on the graciousness with which you accept this particular individual's worthy participation in spite of your personal opinion of the individual themselves. This puts you squarely on the right track of how to deal with them. A famous person once said, "Good manners don't cost anything." Therefore, Acca recommends that you keep your own dealings with this person impeccably polite. If your group is large enough, simply avoid contact with them whenever possible. If your group is small, or you have committed to something that requires you to work closely with this person, leaving the sharp objects at home and pasting on a smile is often your only option. Honour your commitment to the best of your ability, trespassing upon the kindness of mutual friends to convey information and/or run interference if you must. And remember there is nothing in our game that cannot be solved with time. Or a good single malt scotch.

### Medieval Word of the Month

From NetSERF Hypertext Medieval Glossary  
<http://netserf.cua.edu/glossary/home.htm>

### Knight Service:

Unpaid military service, usually of forty days' duration, owed to lord or king in return for tenure of land.

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Have a question for St. Acca? Have a helpful hint that could save good gentles blood, sweat and tears? Please submit them to St. Acca at [askacca@hotmail.com](mailto:askacca@hotmail.com). All Ask Acca columns are available for syndication in your local newsletter.

# AVACAL CALENDAR

**Calendar Policy:** Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (Viscountess Catriona) before an event is officially reserved or put on Calendar. Forms available from your Seneschal or the Kalends officer.

All event copies for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage has to go through the Calendar Officer. Please have the event information form (with appropriate signatures) and event copy to the Calendar Officer by the 15th of the month, 2 months prior to the event. (ie. If your event is January 22, have event copy in by November 15th).

Please include the following as required by the Crier:

- Date of event (day and month and year)
- Time of event (when site opens and closes)
- Name of sponsoring group
- Location (name, street address, and town) of the site. The postal code should also be included if available.
- Name (society and modern) and address of the autocrat (I find it useful to include the feastocrat as well)
- If there is a fee for the event, the statement "make cheques payable to <Group>" must be included.
- Official SCA Event Title
- Modern Location (town/city)

21-Aug	Avacal Investiture	Sigelhundas
28-Aug	Flight or Fancy - A Dandy Event	Vatnsdalr
04-Sep	September Crown	Dragon's Laire
11-Sep	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
18-Sep	Michaelmas Feast and U of A classes	Loch D'orr
25-Sep	Birthday Bash	Traitor's Gate
02-Oct	Vinfest VI	Vinjar
09-Oct	Myrgan wood Silver Jubilee	Myrgan Wood
16-Oct	Late Period THUA	Harrow's Cross
23-Oct	Samhain	Montengarde
06-Nov	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
13-Nov	Skull n' Crossbones Tavern	Sigelhundas
20-Nov	Theme Feast/Bop and Die	Bordergate
27-Nov	Avacal Coronet	
04-Dec	Yule Feast	Vatnsdalr