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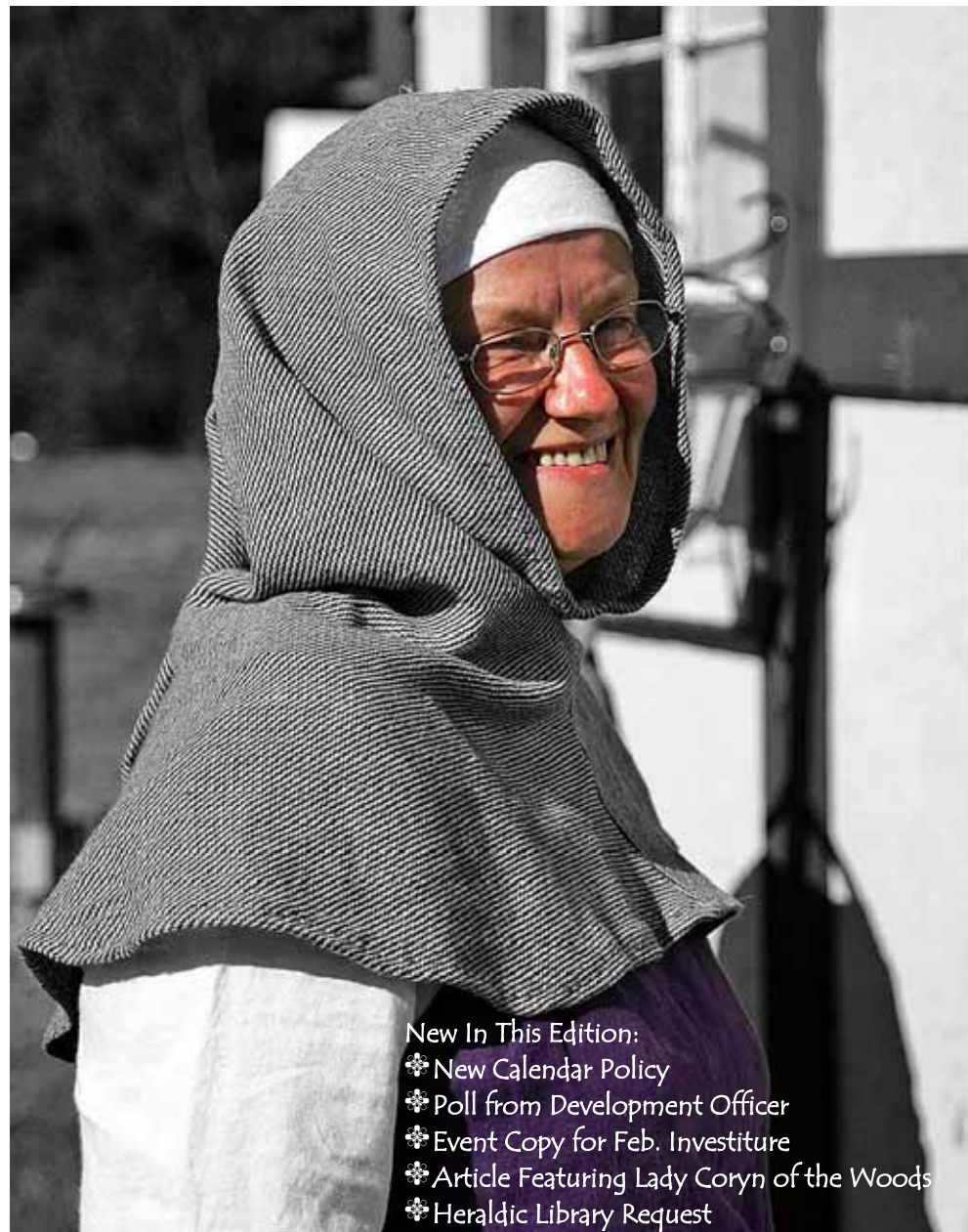
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**From The Griffin Thrones:**

Greetings unto the Populace of Avacal!

Well, the presents have been opened, families and friends have visited and the champagne is all gone. With the exit of the festive season and the entrance of a new year, Our thoughts once again turn fondly to... WAR!!! Yes, it is once again time to dust off the helms, make new arrows and repair the rats! Winter War in Borealis quickly approaches as does Estrella (for those lucky individuals who are going!).

Please, join Us for Winter War as well as Montengarde 12th Night to witness the elevation of a new Baron and Baroness. We would also love to see everyone at the Investiture of Our Heirs, His Excellency Sir Stein and Her Excellency, Donya Gemma at the end of February.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and wildly successful war season!

Wernar and Tatiana  
Prince and Khatun, Avacal

\*\*Tyranny!!\*\*

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**Royal Progress**

Tatiana, Khatun: Winter War  
Estrella \*tentative  
February Investiture.

Prince Wernar: Winter War  
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February Investiture.



# COURT REPORT

The following awards were given out:

**Goutte de Sang - Given by Their Highnesses, Wernar Ivarsson and Tatiana the Outspoken**  
Brother Selewine—November Coronet

**Hazzah to all recent award recipients.**

**For the complete Avacal OP please visit:**  
<http://heraldry.avacal.net>  
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## Avacal Heraldic Library

Greetings Unto Avacal! Sanguinaris Herald is working on creating the Avacal Herald's Resource Library! This will be available at our four major events as well as being used as a resource during the year. If our Heradic College is to meet Kingdom standards, a complete library will be one of the items assessed by Laurel. As some of you may know, a canopy was donated for creating a Herald's Point for the summer season. I will be decorating this canopy with a variety of heraldic devices. Now... WHOSE heraldic devices are entirely up to you. I am asking for donations of heraldry books for the library, either from groups or individuals. I am asking for specific books, from the list below. These books are able to be sourced directly, without needing to be photocopied. That means that they can be used long distance by anyone who has a phone for their admissions without having to actually have the book or photocopies mailed to them. Is this a good thing?

Oh yes it certainly is. If you as an individual or you as a Shire, Barony, or Household wish to see your device on Herald's Point, please contact me directly concerning which book(s) you are thinking of donating. I only need one of each book so please check with me to see if it is being donated already. These books are the essential books that I am hoping to get:

- ❖ Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names, by E. G. Withycombe. Between Bookfinder and eBay, it's not impossible, and it's worth waiting for. (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ Reaney and Wilson, Dictionary of English Surnames, (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ Foster, Dictionary of Heraldry, (Bookfinder search) the translation by Edda Gentry
- ❖ Bahlow, Dictionary of German Names, (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ Black, Surnames of Scotland, (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ Ekwall, Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names, (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ Fox-Davies, Complete Guide to Heraldry, (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ O'Corrain and Maguire, Irish Names, (Bookfinder search)
- ❖ Brooke-Little, An Heraldic Alphabet, (Bookfinder search)

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## Avacal February Investiture February 24, 2007

Their Highnesses Wernar and Tatiana invite you to join them to witness the investiture of Their heirs, Steinn and Gemma.

Come and witness the choosing of the new Avacal Arts and Sciences champion. Many of our greatest artisans will have their amazing creations on display.

The new Avacal rapier champion will be determined by martial combat. Witness the grace and skill, or take part if you are so inclined.

Many more events will fill the day, check website ( [avacal.antir.sca.org](http://avacal.antir.sca.org) ) for the schedule and details.

Please, bring your banners to decorate the walls.

## Barony of Montengarde Calgary AB

Site fee: \$6  
Feast cost: \$10  
\$4 NMS will be charged for non-members  
Make cheques payable to MSCA.

Site open: 9 am till midnight

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(this is your first left after the mall)  
The hall is on your right hand side.



## Winter War February 2-4, 2007

## Barony of Borealis Edmonton, AB



In the dead cold of winter, Borealis invites you to enjoy the heat of battle and the comfort of indoor camping. Join us for a day filled with heavy combat scenarios, rapier combat scenarios, combat archery and target archery, and a bardic competition. In the evening there will be a potluck meal followed by general merriment and mayhem because those who are so inclined may stay at the hall all night.

Site opens at 7 p.m. Friday and closes just before noon Sunday.

The event takes place at the same site as last year's Winter War: Wetaskiwin Drill Hall, 4513 - 50 avenue, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Directions: From the north or south take Hwy 2A into Wetaskiwin. Turn east on 50 avenue, go about 1.5 km, straight into the Exhibition Grounds. From the east or west take Hwy 13 into town, turn south on 56 street (Hwy 2A) and follow above directions. For directions to the archery lanes check the event copy on the Avacal website.

Site fee: Adults \$8.00, youth 12-17 \$6.00, children under 12 free. Note that a \$4.00 non-member surcharge will be applied to all adults who do not have proof of membership. Make cheques payable to ASCA Barony of Borealis.

Merchants are welcome. Please contact Mistress Joan the Just at [joanandcennet@hotmail.com](mailto:joanandcennet@hotmail.com) or (780)986-6623.

Once again the feast will be potluck. To participate, please contribute a dish sufficient for 8 - 10 people according to your modern surname: A-K bring a main course, L-R bring appetizers and S-Z bring dessert.

For those who choose not to participate there are restaurants and fast-food outlets in Wetaskiwin. A cash bar will be on site to meet your refreshment needs.

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- ✿ Bahlow, Hans. Deutschland Geographische Namenwelt.
- ✿ Bardsley, Charles, A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames
- ✿ Brault, Gerald J. Early Blazon.
- ✿ Brechenmacher, Josef Karlmann. Etmologisches Wuurterbuch der Deutschen Familiennamen
- ✿ Brooke-Little, J.P. An Heraldic Alphabet.
- ✿ Bruce Draconarius of Mistholme and Akagawa Yoshio, A Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry
- ✿ Dauzat, Albert. Dictionnaire Etymologique des Noms de Famille et des Pr noms de France.
- ✿ Dauzat, Albert and Rostaing. Dictionnaire Etymologique des Noms de Lieux de la France
- ✿ Diez Melcon, R. P. Gonzalo. Apellidos Castellano-Leoneses.
- ✿ De Felice, Emidio. dizionario dei cognomi italiani.
- ✿ De Felice, Emidio. dizionario dei nomi italiani
- ✿ Foster, Joseph. The Dictionary of Heraldry: Feudal Coats of Arms and Pedigrees
- ✿ Fox-Davies, A. The Art of Heraldry.
- ✿ Fucilla, Joseph G. Our Italian Surnames
- ✿ Geirr Bassi Haraldsson. The Old Norse Name
- ✿ Gruffudd, Heini. Welsh Personal Names.
- ✿ Johnston, James R. Place-Names of Scotland
- ✿ MacLysaght, Edward. The Surnames of Ireland.
- ✿ Mills, A. D., A Dictionary of English Place-Names.
- ✿ Morgan, Peadar. Ainmean Chloinne: Scottish Gaelic Names for Children
- ✿ Morgan, T.J., & Morgan, Prys. Welsh Surnames
- ✿ Morlet, Maire-Therese. Dictionnaire Étymologique de Noms de Famille
- ✿ Morlet, Marie-Therese. Les Noms de Personne sur le Territoire de L'Ancienne Gaule du VI au XII Si.
- ✿ Neubecker, Otfried. Heraldry: Sources, Symbols and Meaning.
- ✿ The Oxford English Dictionary
- ✿ Papworth, John W. Papworth's Ordinary of British Armorial.
- ✿ Parker, James, A Glossary of Terms used in Heraldry
- ✿ Paul Wickenden of Thanet, A Dictionary of Period Russian Names
- ✿ Room, Adrian. A Dictionary of Irish Place-Names.
- ✿ Searle, William George. Onomasticon Anglo-Saxonicum.
- ✿ Socin, Adolf. Mittelhochdeutsches Namenbuch.
- ✿ Solveig Thronardottir, Name Construction in Mediaeval Japan
- ✿ Woodward, John and Burnett, George. Woodward's Treatise on Heraldry British and Foreign.
- ✿ Woulfe, Patrick. Sloinnte Gaedheal is Gall: Irish Names and Surnames.

I have high hopes for the future of Heraldry in our Principality. Please consider helping us make Avacal that much greater.

And please, forward this to your local mailing lists, (Baronial and Shire) and to any individuals that you feel may be interested in this project.

*Yours in Service — Lady Anny Bradwardyn, Sanguinaris Herald*

## From the Principality Development Officer

Greetings unto the populace,

First of all, for those that do not know who I am, let me introduce myself. My name is Stragin Vikingsson, I have been a member of the society for nearly 16 years and have been the Royal Bard for both Kingdom and Principality. I have lived in several different places within our fine Principality and have gotten to know many of you.

As of November Coronet I took up the office of Principality Development. Some of you may be asking "what in the heck is that?" Well you are not alone; I asked the same question. This is a relatively new position and as such does not really have a definition so it was left up to me to decide what this is all about. What I came up with was the simple route and let the title dictate its meaning. Therefore the office is just that one to help us to develop into the best possible group we can be. I am going to be periodically checking in with groups to see that reporting is being done regularly and that all officers are doing their jobs and to help in any way that I can. Basically I am an ear to talk to, a resource to be used and sometimes even a shoulder to cry on. I am also here to find ways of improving the game for all of us. I will also be bugging everyone to buy their memberships and to subscribe to the Avantgarde.

As we stand right now we are falling down on a few things but at the same time we stand tall and proud on others. Our fighters, both heavy and rapier, are some of the finest in the known world, our archers are unsurpassed and our artisans are renowned throughout the Society.

There are some questions that you need to ask yourself like have you ever considered holding an office but thought that it would be too hard, demanding or just plain overwhelming? Do you think that you may not be good enough to do the office? Well I can tell you that I have had those very same thoughts and they are totally unfounded. This Principality has a solid base of people that are very willing to be a support network and are willing to teach and help anyone that needs it. Have you been playing for a long time or are new but have not yet bought a membership? The benefits of becoming a fully paid member are countless. You can receive much deserved awards, entrance to events is cheaper and you can hold an office. To steal the words of John Kennedy ask not what your Principality can do for you but what you can do for your Principality, it is easy folks and it won't take much if we all pitch in to help.

I have a dream ladies and gentlemen, and that is to one day become our very own Kingdom, but it does not and will not take one person to achieve greatness. Our greatest asset is you the people and it is you that make us great. Never forget our motto and really think about its meaning for truer words have never been spoken "Avacal... Together We Conquer!"

Submitted by—Stragin Vikingsson, Principality Development Officer

(Please see poll on p. 7)

Twelfth Night  
January 20, 2007

Barony of Montengarde  
Calgary, AB

Hello and greetings to you all,

The Barony of Montengarde would like to invite you to this year's celebration of 12th night. Join us as we bid farewell to our Baron and Baroness. Test your skills in Heavy fighting, Archery, A&S and Rapier tournaments. Feast yourselves as we serve up our famous "Huntsman's Dinner". Come partake in the games, celebration and revelry at what is sure to be one of the biggest events of the year!!

Festivities will be held on January 20th at:  
Marlborough Community Hall  
636 Marlborough Way NE  
Calgary Alberta  
T2A 2V9

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and  
Close at 11:00 p.m.

Archery Tournament will be held at:  
4855 47 Street SE  
Calgary Alberta  
T2B 3S5

Tournament runs from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Gate Fee \$7.00 With a Reservation  
\$10.00 at the door  
\$4.00 NMS

Feast \$7.00 With a Reservation  
\$10.00 at the door

There will be a limited number of feast tickets available. Details on the Menu will be coming shortly

If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to MSCA.

Children 5 and under free but please include them on your reservation.

For reservations please email Ellias Silver (mka Paul Cote) at [montengarde12night@gmail.com](mailto:montengarde12night@gmail.com)

Merchants are welcome and are asked to also contact Ellias Silver at the same address.

Hope to see you all there!!!



# AVACAL CALENDAR

January		
12-14	An Tir Twelfth Night Coronation	Dragon's Laire
20	<b>Twelfth Night *</b>	Montengarde
February		
2-4	<b>Winter War *</b>	Borealis
17	Estrella (* tentative)	
23-25	<b>Avacal Investiture *</b>	Montengarde
March		
3	Kingdom A&S	Mountain Edge
3	War Practice	Ruddglyn
17	Feast of the Evergreens	Border Gate

*Bold = event information has been submitted. \* - Royalty Attending*

**Calendar Policy:** Autocrats MUST submit *Date Reservation* and *Event Information* forms to Kalends (see officer listings) before an event is officially reserved or put on Calendar. Forms available from your Seneschal or the Kalends officer. On-line forms which may be filled out electronically can be found on the Avacal webpage, under Officers/Seneschal/Forms.

**All event copies** for the Crier, Avantgarde, and Avacal Webpage have to go through the Calendar Officer. Make sure to note if you do not want the event copy in the Crier. The Avantgarde and webmasters do accept longer/fancier versions of the event flyers but **it still must be sent through the Calendar**. 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. (i.e. 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. If there is no street address, this must be noted in the copy.

-Name (society and modern) and mail address of the autocrat; email address or phone number are discretionary but are very helpful. (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)

The event copy can be a maximum of 300 words for branch or baronial events, 350 for Principality events.

## A Poll Regarding the Future of Avacal

The following is an informal, anonymous poll that is designed to help me, the Principality development officer, determine how you the populace feel about the future of Avacal. Seneschals please copy and hand out at your next business meeting. I would like to have the results by February Investiture if at all possible. The results can be mailed to me at [bardman1066@hotmail.com](mailto:bardman1066@hotmail.com) or snail mailed to #11 Ellis street Red Deer Alberta T4R 2C8.

- Is it will of the populace of the Principality of Avacal that we be elevated to Kingdom status within the Knowne Worlde?
  - Yes, we are ready now
  - Yes, but in 3-5 years
  - Perhaps in 5-10
  - No, we should stay a principality.
- It is a worthy task for Avacal to advance towards Kingdom status within the Knowne Worlde?
  - Yes, starting right away
  - Perhaps in a year's time.
  - No, it's a waste of time
- Are you willing to help in preparing for advancement to Kingdom status?
  - Yes, as much as possible
  - Yes, would like to but am unable to commit much time.
  - No
  - Unsure

*Submitted by—Stragin Vikingsson, Principality Development Officer*



## New Calendar Policy

*This is **\*very\*** important and has been included at the request of Their Highnesses:*

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Avacal Principality Coronet events will be designated by rotation through the branches of Avacal. The reasons for this change are several:

- ✿ each group will have the opportunity to share the excitement and satisfaction of hosting Principality events (there are many benefits to hosting a Principality event, and the workload will not be so great with more time to plan)
- ✿ predictability of location and time of events so that travelers can plan accordingly
- ✿ appropriate lead time for autocrats resulting in fewer issues (especially those that are site related)

As well, the number of events per branch has been limited, and a "no conflict" policy has been maintained through the last two reigns. The intent behind this decision is three-fold:

- ✿ it will ease the strain on the Avacal calendar so that all groups, but especially new ones that do not have established annual event will have access to more weekends, especially in the summer;
- ✿ it will ease the strain on travel so that more people will come out to fewer events (the hope is for more well-attended events so that people can mingle and share their wealth of knowledge)
- ✿ it allows for each group, having fewer events, to have more spectacular events in addition to having more people attend them

### The Principality of Avacal Calendar Policy

Glossary:

**"Event"** an all-day or all-weekend gathering for the purpose of participating in SCA related activities.

**"Regular activities"** those local activities that are routine within the group, including but not limited to fighter practice, demos, potlucks/socials, taverns, meetings, A&S nights, "newbie" nights.

**Rights:** The Coronets of Avacal reserve the right to change this Calendar policy, in consultation with Their Calendar Officer, save those items expressed here that are laid out in Principality or Kingdom Law.

#### 1. The Calendar

**1.1.** Branches will reserve dates on the principality calendar for all events. Regular activities such as practices, meetings and weekday taverns, etc., do not need to be placed upon the calendar.

**1.1.1.** To reserve a date on the calendar, a branch must complete a Date Reservation form (DRF), with the appropriate signatures, and send to the

## 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, Heirs and Principality Seneschal and the current officer.** 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\*\*\**

**High Regent THUA:** Their Highnesses' University of Avacal is an extension of the Sovereign and Consort of Avacal, the Coronet, and has as its responsibility the fostering and development of Medieval and Renaissance research and the sharing of knowledge in Avacal. The High Regent is a warranted officer and oversees all aspects of the administration of the University. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- The advisement of the Coronet in the selection of Chancellors and other Deputies for approval and warranting.
- The guidance and supervision of Chancellors throughout Avacal in the organization and running of Collegia and other educational activities.
- Maintaining student and instructor records.
- Maintaining THUA financial records and reporting of such to the Avacal Exchequer
- Reporting of THUA activities to the Coronet and to Principality Curia.

Activities presently under the direction of the High Regent are the production of the Avacal Directory. Computer skills are an asset in this position but in no wise are requisite for application for this office. Applicants for the office should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their SCA and relevant mundane qualifications to the THUA High Regent, the Principality Seneschal, Their Highnesses and Their Heirs.

**Regional THUA Chancellors:** Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

**Arts & Sciences:** The Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences is considered the chief artistic and scientific officer of the Coronet. You will have the responsibility of encouraging the research and development of historically accurate period art forms, technologies, and philosophies; promoting and encouraging period appropriate arts and sciences works and assisting in the selection of the Principality Arts and Sciences Champion. You will also be responsible for condensing the reports of your subordinate officers up to Kingdom Level.

**Rapier Provost:** The responsibilities of the Principality Rapier Marshal are to maintain, publish, and enforce the rules for period rapier combat and safety and equipment for period rapier combat as laid out by the Kingdom Earl and Rapier Marshals. They are also responsible for encouraging rapier combat and related activities with Avacal. A list of the full responsibilities and requirements can be found in the An Tir Rapier Marshal's Handbook.

**Chirurgeon:** SCA Chirurgeons provide first aid at Society events. (The word "Chirurgeon" is a medieval term from which the modern "Surgeon" is derived.) Members of the SCA Chirurgeonate include Red Cross trained first aiders, medical doctors, military medical corpsmen, nurses, paramedics, St. John Ambulance volunteers, and many other medical volunteers. A Chirurgeon's Warrant of office crosses Kingdom boundaries.

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business allows her this freedom, and the fact that these wandering often provide Coryn with the ingredients for her meads and herbal concoctions is definitely a bonus for the entire family.

I am surprised at first to discover that Coryn has a wide ranging knowledge of the world but, on reflection, realize that this is only natural as so many traders and travellers come through on a regular basis, bringing news along with the business they pursue. Coryn speaks quietly, but thoughtfully and knowledgably. There appears to be little that she misses that goes on around her. In conversations with others in the community it has become clear to me that Coryn does many things quietly. She has been commended to me as a generous and pious woman, who always has some way to bless those less fortunate, be it with “extra” food that a needy family is gifted with or a “worn” cloak that just didn’t suit the client for whom it was commissioned. She credits her grandfather for instilling this in her; smiling as she quotes one of the foundations of his teaching to her... “with what measure you mete it will be measured again unto you”.

I am invited to join Coryn for the midday meal and we retire upstairs to the dining room. One of the servants takes over the shop while we dine on the plentiful but simple food prepared by the cook. Loaves of fresh baked bread, dark and flavourful, pots of homemade cheese and slices of cold mutton are placed on the table and we share a meal together, filled with more conversation. Since the conversation naturally turns toward food I learn that the breads and cheese are typical fare, the mutton is left over from the previous night and not often served with the midday meal. Water or mead are the most typical beverages served in this house. Some small ales are used and on feast days there is sometimes wine. Fresh fruits and vegetables are served often, in season, and winter vegetables are usually root vegetables or pickled. Chicken, fish and mutton are the most typical meats with the occasional pork.

Coryn speaks with pride of her family; they have prospered since coming to this new land and her children and grandchildren have done well. The family business is successful, there is enough income to support all of her family and to provide a comfortable life. There is no religious persecution and Coryn is free to practice her very practical Christianity, doing good works, quietly and without seeking recognition. Coryn takes a gentle pride in her faith and in her living out of those values and beliefs in every aspect of her life. It is clear that she values highly both the freedoms and the responsibilities her faith provides her.

It has come time for me to depart and I leave with the blessing of the house in my ears. I leave this gentle and modest lady, living her rich and full life in contentment and peace, wishing her well and hoping, that in the future, I may return once more and find all is well with this good woman.

—Submitted by - Brother Selwine (mka: Lance Blades) (  
"If you want your name to be one of the next to fill this space then send your persona information to [brother-selwynn@shaw.ca](mailto:brother-selwynn@shaw.ca)"

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Principality Calendar Deputy. Date Reservation forms are available from the Principality Calendar Officer, and are also on the An Tir and Avacal websites. Once the Principality Calendar Officer receives this form and confirms the event date, according to availability and how many events the branch already has on the Calendar, an announcement for the event can then be posted on Avacal websites, in branch newsletters and email lists, and in the Avantgarde.

**1.1.2** A Principality Event Bid Form must be completed and submitted to the Principality Calendar Officer for all Principality Events, including those designated by rotation.

**1.2.** As per An Tir Law, all events must also submit an Event Information form (EIF), with the appropriate signatures, and send to the Principality Calendar Officer. If this event is to be published in the Crier, event copy must be attached. The Principality Calendar Officer must receive this by the 15th day of the month two (2) months prior to the event. For example, the EIF and event copy must be received by November 15th for an event taking place in January. This gives the Principality Calendar Officer at least one week to forward copy to The Crier in order to meet The Crier deadline. **Event copy must be in The Crier for any event where royalty is dispensing awards, or where any championship, coronet, or crown tournament is taking place, as per Kingdom law.**

**1.3** DRFs and EIFs may be sent to the Principality Calendar Officer by ground mail, as scanned email attachments, or by fax. Forms must be legible to be accepted by the Principality Calendar Officer.

**1.4** Event copy must be submitted in electronic text format (e.g. email text or Word document). Handwritten copy will not be accepted.

## **2. Setting the Calendar**

**2.1.** The calendar setting will take place during the Curia meeting at the principality’s February Investiture event. Event dates shall be set on the calendar from August 1st of the current year to July 31st of the following year. This should provide adequate time for hall bookings, publishing copy, etc.

**2.1.1.** Branches may set all their events on the Calendar at that time (see section 5.1).

**2.1.2.** A branch that sets only one date at February Curia, and wishes to set another date at a later time, or acquires a third date from another branch (see section 7.1.2), must submit a signed DRF to the Principality Calendar Officer no later than two months prior to the event. A signed EIF may be submitted at the same time as the DRF.

**2.1.3** Cantons shall be considered the same as shires for the purpose of setting dates on the calendar.

**2.2** Events shall not be moved without consent from the Principality Calendar Officer and the appropriate paperwork resubmitted. The Coronet shall

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be advised of the need for an event to be moved and shall reserve final say in this matter.

### 3. Event Conflicts

3.1. There shall be NO conflict with Crown events:

- ❖ Twelfth Night Coronation - the second weekend of January
- ❖ May Crown Tournament - Victoria Day weekend
- ❖ An Tir-West War - July 4th weekend
- ❖ July Coronation - third weekend of July
- ❖ September Crown Tournament - Labor Day weekend
- ❖ There shall be NO conflict with Kingdom events if these events are held in Avacal:
  - Kingdom A&S Championship - first weekend of March
  - Spring Crown Council - as proclaimed by The Crown
  - Kingdom Bardic Championship - fourth weekend in September
  - Fall Crown Council - weekend closest to November 11th (Remembrance Day)

**This is in accordance with the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir.**

There shall be NO conflict with Principality events:

- ❖ February Investiture - the last weekend in February
- ❖ June Coronet Tournament - the first weekend in June
- ❖ Quad War - the August long weekend
- ❖ August Investiture - the weekend two weeks after Quad War
- ❖ November Coronet - the last weekend in November
- ❖ Coronet Councils - at the discretion of The Coronet

**This is in accordance with the Laws of the Principality of Avacal.**

3.2. Decisions regarding conflicts between branch events within Avacal are the sole right of the Coronets of Avacal.

### 4. Order of Calendar Setting

4.1 **Crown Events** - Crown tournaments and coronations will be set on the calendar first to preclude these dates. If applicable, councils, inter-kingdom wars, and the kingdom A&S championship will also be set (this only applies if these events take place within Avacal).

4.2 **Coronet Events** - Coronet tournaments, Investitures, councils, and principality wars will be set on the calendar next to also preclude these dates.

4.3 **Branch Events** - Branch events will be set next, the order of which to be decided by the Coronet.

### 5. Group Minimums

5.1. All branches, as per Kingdom law, are required to "place at least one event per calendar year on the Kingdom Calendar with complete copy ap-

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## Selewine's Scribings

### Populace Persona Piece—Featuring Lady Coryn of the Woods

On this day I travel to East Anglia for my meeting with Lady Coryn of the Woods. Of Flemish decent she has come to this land at the invitation of His Majesty Edward III and is part of a family of merchants, specializing in the fine woollens of the area. Moderately prosperous as a result of hard work and great skill Coryn and her family live in a two story wood frame house; kitchen and servants quarters downstairs and the family area above. The family shop is also on the main floor. They have a full time cook and two other servants, all of whom live in, sharing quarters on the lower level of the house.

She welcomes me to her home, offers a brief tour and then we chat together in her shop, which is unusually empty for most of our time together. Furnishings are simple and sturdy, well made but serviceable. There is a larger bedroom for Coryn and her husband, two smaller rooms that were used for the children, a family sitting area and a dining room, with one small, well lit, room set aside for Coryn's sideline work. Thanks to her grandfather Coryn can read and write as well as keep accounts and she does a modest business in providing these services for hire. She is justly famed in the area for the production of different types of mead and her skill as a seamstress. The shop is a single large room, with a table near the back and deep shelves along all of the walls, filled with bolts of cloth and all of the necessities for embellishing that cloth. There is a small section dedicated to the jugs and bottles of mead Coryn prepares and sells.

Coryn is dressed simply in layers, a linen underdress and a wool overdress. Her clothing is in plain colours, today being in shades of brown. Her head is covered with a simple hood and she wears a white apron over her clothing, delicately embroidered on the hem. There are small ink stains on her fingers, evidence of her work as a scribe. She wears a simple gold band on one hand and her only other jewellery is a fine silver crucifix, suspended from a silver chain. Coryn explains that this is typical garb and that it is both practical and comfortable, suitable not only for her scribal work and service in the shop but also for her many expeditions to the surrounding woodlands where she collect herbs and other ingredients for her meads and other concoctions she sell through the family shop.

Coryn does not travel very much. Her husband will travel on occasion for business but in his absence Coryn manages the shop. Walking is the most common mode of transportation although for longer journeys, or those with much luggage, a small pony cart may be hired. Coryn's travels are mostly limited to her treks through the nearby woodlands for she loves to walk amongst the trees and flowers. The modest prosperity of their



Lady Coryn of the Woods -  
Principality Champion of A&S  
(Picture by Askell  
Used with permission)

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### Interesting Links (no, not chainmail...)

Ask Uncle Vlad, a regular feature by THL Vladimir Andreivich Aleksandrov, was nominated for a William Blackfox Award for Best Regular Feature this past year (2006).

This nomination joins Natal'ia's Notions by HL Natal'ia Vokovicha, also published in The Portcullis, which was a William Blackfox Award Best Regular Feature nominee in 2005.

See the full listing at:

<http://scatoday.net/node/6944>

Congratulations!

— submitted by Brynach

For more information about the William Blackfox Award go to:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chronicler/blackfox-awards.html>

— umm Bishr, principality chronicler

## From the Principality Chronicler

*Salome,*

Thank you again to the many individuals who scrambled to get pieces submitted in time for this edition of the Avantgarde — because of your efforts I remain a very happy chronicler!! Five down—nineteen to go, but who's counting??

There are some important pieces in this edition—please be sure to read the calendar policy as there are important changes in there that will affect each branch within Avacal. Our Principality Herald and Principality Development Officer have also been hard at work. If you are able, please consider donating to our principality heraldic library, and please take the time to submit answers to the poll regarding the future of Avacal.

Also, for all of the chronicler officers who submitted reports to me by the 15th, thank you and good work!! For those who have not, remember that I know where you live, and I will be hunting you down. Also, please remember to keep your memberships current—paid membership is a benefit for all Avacalians, but is a requirement for officers!!

As always, if there are pieces you'd like to see in the Avantgarde, please let me know. After each edition, the following month's submission date is posted on the Avacal Circus and after this edition I will find a place to post the monthly deadlines on the Avantgarde's site as well <http://users.accesscomm.ca/avantgarde/>.

*Ever in service — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler*

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pearing in The Crier". If a branch has not set its minimums, they will be set at this time.

### 6. Group Maximums

**6.1.** Baronies may not exceed a maximum of three events per Calendar year; shires and cantons may not exceed a maximum of two events per Calendar year.

**6.1.1.** Principality events such as Coronets and Investitures do NOT count toward the maximum number of events a branch may hold.

**6.1.2.** Branches that do not use their maximum may donate their remaining event(s) to another group.

**6.1.3.** Incipient shires may have one event set on the Calendar by the sponsoring branch. This event does NOT count as part of the maximum number of events for the sponsoring branch.

### 7. Hosting Principality Events

**7.1.** The Principality Coronet and Investiture Events shall be assigned to each branch in Avacal, and Quad Wars assigned to each Barony according to the following alphabetical rotation:

- ❖ Bitter End - August Investiture 2007
- ❖ Bordergate - November Coronet Tournament 2007
- ❖ Borealis - February Investiture 2008
- ❖ Cold Keep - June Coronet Tournament 2008
- ❖ *Montengarde - Quad War 2008*
- ❖ Harrow's Cross - August Investiture 2008
- ❖ Montengarde - November Coronet Tournament 2008
- ❖ Myrgan Wood - February Investiture 2009
- ❖ Rhuddglynn - June Coronet Tournament 2009
- ❖ *Borealis - Quad War 2009*
- ❖ Sigelhundas - August Investiture 2009
- ❖ Valleywold - November Coronet Tournament 2009
- ❖ Vinjar - February Investiture 2010
- ❖ Windwurm - June Coronet Tournament 2010
- ❖ *Myrgan Wood - Quad War 2010*

**7.2** An EIF is due from the designated host branch a minimum of six (6) months in advance. It is assumed that the DRF was filed at the calendar meeting preceding the event.

**7.3.** Any branch that chooses to 'trade' their event must obtain the permission of the Principality Calendar Officer and Their Highnesses.

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*In service to Avacal,*

*—Brigit, Avacal Calendar Officer*



# Principality of Avacal

# DATE RESERVATION

Please type, or print *legibly*.  
Send completed forms to  
the current Principality Calendar  
(consult you current Crier for name and address)  
**Do NOT send this form to the Crier**

This form is required for the event to appear on the Kingdom Calendar.

Only original signatures and forms will be accepted. This form will not be accepted if the form is not complete.

**Note: Tier I events are events of general interest which you feel will draw attendance throughout the principality/region and/or kingdom. You must submit an Event Information form to the Calendar and copy to the Crier for Tier I events.**

**Tier II events are local events and will not have Crier copy (they are simply included on the Calendar page).**

PROPOSED DATE (MONTH / DAY(S) / YEAR)	ALTERNATE DATE 1 (MONTH / DAY(S) / YEAR)	ALTERNATE DATE 2 (MONTH / DAY(S) / YEAR)
NAME OF EVENT		
SPONSORING BRANCH (BRANCH RESPONSIBLE)		
INCIPENT BRANCH OR WHERE EVENT WILL BE HELD (IF NOT SPONSORING BRANCH)		
LEVEL OF EVENT	IF TIER 1, LIST BRANCHES FROM YOUR CONFLICT ZONE TO WHOM YOU GIVE LEAVE TO RESERVE THIS SAME DATE FOR ANOTHER EVENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> TIER 1 <input type="checkbox"/> TIER 2	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   OR, LIST:	
SPONSORING BRANCH SENESCHAL (SCA NAME)		
SPONSORING BRANCH SENESCHAL (LEGAL NAME)		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE OR PROVINCE	ZIP OR POSTAL CODE
EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)	DAY PHONE (AREA CODE & PHONE #)	HOME PHONE (AREA CODE & PHONE #)
SIGNATURE (LEGAL)		

"The term "Society event" refers to tournaments, feasts, and other activities whereby participants can display the results of their researches into period culture and technology in an environment which evokes the atmosphere of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. It also refers to educational activities involving either one-time classes or ongoing university organizations, and meetings where participants share skills or discuss the business of the group. All Society events must be sponsored by branches of the Society, registered with the Seneschal of the sponsoring branch and publicized at least to the membership of that branch, and conducted according to Society rules." [Corpora II.A] "Formal actions and announcements with long-term impact on the Society may occur only at Society events for which the date, time and place have been published in advance in the appropriate kingdom newsletter. This includes Crown and Coronet Lists, Coronations and Investitures, appointment of officers, presentation of awards and titles, and proclamation of law and of the establishment or advancement of branches. However, deputy officers and officers below principality level need not be appointed at published events." [Corpora II.B] "Each Society event must have one Society member appointed by the sponsoring branch in attendance and responsible for the general conduct of the event. Where an event involves only one type of Society activity, the responsible member is the appropriate branch officer, or someone designated by that officer. Where an event includes a variety of activities, the responsible member is the branch Seneschal or someone designated by the branch Seneschal. In addition, events including Society combat or combat-related activities must have at least one warranted marshal, designated by the Marshal of the sponsoring branch, in attendance and responsible for those activities." [Corpora II.C] "Anyone may attend Society events provided he or she wears an attempt at pre-17th century dress, conforms to the provisions of the by-Laws and Corpora, complies with any other requirements (such as site fees or waivers) which may be imposed by the Society, and behaves like a lady or gentleman. However, the responsible officers may exempt attendees at business meetings and informal classes from the requirement to wear pre-17th century dress." [Corpora II.D] See also Corpora II.E, "Duty to Enforce Requirements."