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**From The Gryphon Thrones:**

Greetings unto the great populace of Avacal,

Finally, the sowing of the fields are completed, and the plans for Our summer activities come to fruition. We wish everyone a safe and joyous summertime. The month of July brings Us all many great events!

First of all, Their Majesties Sven and Signy will be crowning Their Heirs, Tiernan and Miranda at July Coronation (July 20th - 22nd). For the first time in quite a while a Crown event will be held very close to home. We encourage everyone to make this trip, as Coronation is always an amazing experience. We will also ensure that all of Avacal can camp together (contact information forthcoming). It will certainly be a fun time!

Secondly, We will be attending Dragonslayer - Hidden Treasures in the Barony of Montengarde. Being the Barony's second premiere event, it has always been a well run and entertaining event. We hope to see everyone on this beautiful summer weekend. Then, on the first weekend of August We must turn our focus upon the fields of war!! The Barony of Myrgan Wood will be hosting Quad War (one of the Principality's greatest events of the year). This is the one event where We and Their Excellencies Kvigr and Linet can ensure that all of Avacal showcases all that is great about these lands. So many activities and things have been planned, it will surely be a weekend to remember!

Lastly, His Highness would like to thank everyone who made the distant trek to the great Kingdom of Northshield for Moorish Tavern. Everyone had a great time, and His Highness truly appreciated everyone's help. The rekindling of old friendships and the making of new ones always makes for enduring memories. Thank you everyone.

Steinn and Gemma  
Prince and Principessa, Avacal  
We Stand Together

Picture by Beothuk

**Royal Progress**

July 21: July Coronation, Canton of Silverheart - both

July 28: Dragonslayer, Montengarde - both

August 4: Quad War, Avacal - both

August 18: Investiture, Bitter End - both



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## CALL FOR LARGESSE

Slainte Avacal,

Their Highnesses Steinn & Gemma wish to continue the proud tradition of presenting at Coronation by welcoming Their Majesties An Tir with gifts of largesse.

Their Highnesses would be grateful and honoured to receive contributions of largesse from the people of Avacal to show its generosity and great bounty. The reputed skill of Avacal's artisans is spreading. Gifts from the hands of the Coronets Avacal are becoming more eagerly anticipated and certainly demonstrate the talent and generosity of the people of Avacal.

I am looking for artisans who can help provide any of the following type of items:

- \*Wool trim (Tablet or inkle woven bands)
- \*Skeins of hand spun wool
- \*Felt items or any other type of textiles
- \*Metal work/small hand forged items - such as eating ware, small hooks, strike a lites, arrow heads, ring pins, etc.
- \*small metal or wooden boxes that look hand-made in period styles
- \*hand carved wooden, bone or antler items - such as household items, toys, sewing implements, etc.
- \*napkins or other table linens made from natural fibers
- \*handmade lampwork beads
- \*period toys, games, children's activities
- \*large bags and pouches made from natural materials
- \*tassels and other ornaments that can be used to decorate largess please use natural-looking yarns or thread)
- \*pottery

Make sure to attach a tag to your donated item with your SCA name and branch - Their Highnesses want to make sure that the people of Avacal are properly thanked for their contributions, so it is important that the items be labeled.

Please avoid items such as:

- \*potpourri, candles, or other scented items
- \*cordials, homemade wine or other food products (largess that is consumable really should be commercially produced and packaged - please ask regarding special circumstances)
- \*anything especially fragile, very large or heavy, or that requires special handling
- \*used items

Thank you for your consideration. Their Highnesses appreciate the time, effort and creativity that goes into making largess and will be extremely proud to gift your donated items during Their reign.

Please contact me if you would like to make a largess donation and we will make arrangements for the delivery of your thoughtful gift of largesse.

Slan—Maistreas Sadb ingen Thuathail, Avacal Largesse wrangler for Their Highnesses Steinn & Gemma  
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Vinfest IX  
September 28-30, 2007

Shire of Vinjar  
Grande Prairie, AB

Vinfest IX is coming! The Shire of Vinjar is having its annual celebration of the grape on September 28 to 30, 2007 at Camp Tamarack, south of Grande Prairie, Alberta. Tournaments of rapier, heavy and archery will be held. For those less warlike, an Arts and Sciences competition will also take place. Let us not forget the traditional grape stomp later in the day. A feast and merriment will complete the day.

The Autocrats for this year's event are Aonghus and Cigale (Rory and Michele McNeil)  
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Site opens at 7 p.m. Sep. 28th and closes at 12 noon on Sep. 30th.  
The only reservation is a paid reservation!!!  
Site fee: \$10 with membership, \$4 NMS; \$5 day fee  
\*new\* Family Cap: \$35.00 (2 adults, 2 children)  
Meals: \$12 for feast on Saturday (\$6 for children under 8)

Bed fee:\$10 per person per night.  
Limited camping space - \$5 per tent.  
(Smalls under 6 free)

As always, merchants are welcome and have no fees for showing/selling their wares.

Makes cheques payable to ASCA  
Shire of Vinjar

The site is wheelchair accessible and has indoor showers/washrooms.  
There is no street address for Camp Tamarack Camp Ground.

Follow Hwy 43 to Grande Prairie, turn LEFT at the Hwy 43/Hwy 2 junction. Follow that road until you get to 116 Ave., turn RIGHT. At 100 Ave., CONTINUE HEADING SOUTH, and follow Hwy 40 South/Wapiti Road (108 St.). 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.



## Feast of the Dragon's Fire September 15, 2007

Come join us as we celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> birthday! The theme of the day is "Dragons and Medieval Folklore." There will be "silly" heavy tournaments, rapier, a Squire's Valhalla and numerous other activities available throughout the day. A delicious feast will top off the evening. Feast tickets available by advance reservation only. A light lunch will be available for a small fee. Merchants are welcome at no charge by reserved space only. No pets on site. No open flames in the hall.

Location: Masonic Hall;  
42 Bannon Ave. S.W.;  
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Take easiest route to Highway 3. Bannon Ave. is located between the Nissan dealer and a Gas/convenience store across the highway from the Medicine Hat Airport. Watch for signs.

## Shire of Rhuddglyn Medicine Hat, AB

Site opens at 10 A.M. and closes at 12 Midnight.

Site fees: \$6 for adults;  
12 and under free.  
A \$4 NMS applies.  
Feast fees: Adult \$12; 6-12yrs \$6;  
under 6 free.  
Feast reservations accepted up to and including September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.  
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## FOR AVACAL

There's a wind that howls from the mountains,  
As harsh as a Griffon's cry:  
It sings of the will of a people  
That none other may damn or deny.  
That wind cries out now for justice  
To the sun lurking low in the east.  
The wind swift will hasten the harvest  
So a people in freedom will feast.

The wind and the mountains eternal  
Our destiny ever proclaim.  
Our will as a mountain, our swords like the wind  
And Avacal proud is our name.

There's a wind that blows o'er the prairie,  
As strong as a Griffon's wing:  
It sings of a pride steeped in honour  
That the poets forever may sing.  
The wind cries out now for glory  
To the sun hanging bright in the sky.  
The wind will stir up the cyclone,  
On its shoulders the legends shall fly.  
The wind and the mountains eternal...

There's a wind that sweeps through the cities,  
As sharp as the Griffon's eye:  
It sings in the barracks and taverns,  
At the butts where the arrows fast fly.  
The wind now cries out for honour  
To the sun setting far to the west.  
The wind fills the sails of the raiders,  
Let our swords put our fate to the test.  
The wind and the mountains eternal...

There's a wind that lifts up the people,  
As high as a Griffon's dream:  
Our songs echo sweet from the mountains  
But our songs are not all that they seem.  
The wind now cries out for freedom  
To the stars bright as ice in the night.  
The wind rests and waits for tomorrow:  
For what better prize can we fight?

The wind and the mountains eternal  
Our destiny ever proclaim.  
Our will as a mountain, our swords like the wind  
And Avacal proud is our name

—Master Hector of the Black Height, Kingdom of Ealdormere

## CALL FOR AVACAL CORONET DESIGNS

Greeting unto the Populace,

This is an open call to the populace for designs for the new Coronets of Avacal. We are looking for Coronets that speak to the history of our Principality as well as to the glory of our future. Avacal is unique and our Coronets should speak to that.

His Excellency Vik Vikingsson is the chosen artisan to physically create the new Coronets. As such he, along with Their Highnesses and Their Excellencies, will be the final arbiters of the design. All designs will be sent to HE Vik as well as the Prince and Princess and Tanist and Tanista for selection.

There will be no guarantee of the use of your design in part or in whole for the Coronets. However all designs will be given serious consideration. All members of the populace are encouraged to submit designs by July 30th, 2007 to the design committee (contact info to follow).

Thank you! —HL Jajiradai Batu, Regalia Officer

## Secrets of the Principality Scribal Office Revealed: Part Four

Welcome to the final installment of Secrets of the Principality Scribal Office revealed. This month we will be wrapping up by discussing recommended materials. I hope that you have found this series helpful and informative. Thank you for your interest in the scribal arts!

For more information and the content of this and past articles, please visit the fancy new website for the College of Scribes and Illuminators at [www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/scribe.htm](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/scribe.htm). Be sure to review the list of Recommended Books, Scribal Resource Links and SCA Scribal Links. Anyone with questions is, as always, welcomed to contact me directly at [michelle.height@ualberta.ca](mailto:michelle.height@ualberta.ca)

### Recommended Materials

The College of Scribes and Illuminators wholeheartedly endorses and encourages the use of "period" medieval materials: vellum/parchment, medieval pigments, quills etc... They are not as expensive as you might expect and they produce stunning results! However, the use of such materials does require proper knowledge and preparation to produce good and lasting scrolls. We will not delve into their use here. If you are interested in more information on the use of medieval scribal materials, please contact the College for more information.

The following is a list of the readily available modern materials we recommend for use.

### Paper

It is recommended that you use a good quality, heavy weight, smooth paper that has a neutral pH. We recommend "Arches" (the brand name) 90lb hot press white watercolour paper. This can be found at any decent art store and at Michael's. You do not have to use Arches though – any similar paper will do.

Look for:

**Weight:** listed in pounds, this is what refers to the thickness of the paper. The weight is important because this affects how stable the paper will be. Thin paper will cockle from the moisture in your paints or inks and can buckle from the weight of the wax seal. Nothing less than 90lb is advisable.

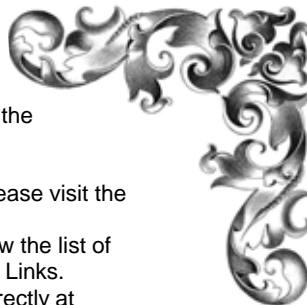
**Smoothness:** paper will have different levels of smoothness. This is called "tooth". Rougher paper has more "tooth" and it will grab your nib and make your lines uneven and rough. You will also find paper classed as Hot or Cold press. This refers to how the paper is processed and affects how smooth the paper is. Hot press is the smoother of the two.

**Neutral pH balance:** neutral pH paper will age well over time and allow your artwork to look beautiful for years to come. Art supply staff will know if a paper is neutral pH but it should also be indicated on the paper.

### IMPORTANT!

Test all papers with your inks and paints before starting. Some papers will take paint well but will not like ink. Watch for fuzziness or bleeding lines.

Some acceptable papers: Bristol, Arches hot/cold press, Strathmore, Fabriano, Rives.



## Festus Messis (Harvest Feast) September 7-9, 2007

Shire of Bitter End  
Red Deer, Alberta

EDE. BIBE. ESTO LAETUS. NAM  
CRAS MORIEMUR!  
(Eat, Drink and be Merry for tomorrow  
we die!)

The Shire of Bitter End is proud to welcome all to celebrate the harvest Roman style. Festus Messis (Harvest feast) will be held on Septembris VII - IX Anno Societatis XLII. (September 7-9, 2007)

As in times past, the Shire Championship Tournaments will be held this day.

Compete to become the Shire's next Champion of Sword, Arrow, Arts & Sciences and Rapier!

Feast will consist of several period Roman Dishes as well as a children's menu. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

A lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday will be provided. Only 125 feast tickets will be sold so reserve early

\*Tournament and schedule details will follow in the months to come.\*

**Site Fees:** Adults \$18 site & feast;  
\$10 site only  
Youths (12-17) \$10 site and feast;  
\$6 site only  
Children under 12 free  
\*\* \$4 NMS will apply where  
necessary\*\*  
Make all cheques payable to ASCA  
Shire of Bitter End

Merchants as always are more than welcome

**Autocrats:** H.L. Stragin Vikingsson  
and L. Catla Grimolfrsdottir  
*Stragin:* bardman1066@hotmail.com  
*Catla:* catla@shaw.ca  
**Phone:** 403-347-8073 (no calls after  
9 p.m. please)  
**Mail:** # 11 Ellis street, Red Deer, AB  
T4R-2C8

**Site Info:**  
Name: Shady Nook Community Hall  
(there is no street address for this site!)

Site opens Noon Friday September 7  
and closes Noon Sunday September 9

**Directions to Site:**  
- from QE2, head west onto HWY. 11  
(not 11A)  
- at first set of lights turn left onto  
secondary Hwy. 596 and travel approx.  
6km.  
- turn left onto Rg.Rd.283 & travel until  
you reach Armitage Feed lot  
- turn right & travel for half a km.  
Hall is on your right hand side. Signs  
will be posted

## August Investiture August 17-19, 2007

## Shire of BitterEnd Red Deer Alberta

M'lords, M'ladies:

Come forth one and all and bear witness to the investing of our Tanist and Tanista as Prince and Princess of Avacal! Don thyne armor and compete to be the new Champion of Sword, string thyne bow and shoot for the honor to be Champion of Arrows, all to be done at Avacal Investiture. This year's event to be hosted at Tee Pee village campground near Blackfaulds Alberta, hosted by the Shire of Bitter End.

Autocrat,  
HL Gabrielle of the Leaf &  
HL Malcolm De Bruce  
Mka Patricia Keim & Asher Keim  
RR#4 Site 11 Box 15  
Red Deer Alberta T4N 5E4 Canada  
403-877-2868 or 403-309-1753  
[gabrielleleaf@hotmail.com](mailto:gabrielleleaf@hotmail.com)

Site opens Friday at 4:00 pm and  
closes Sunday at 1:00pm

Site fees:  
Member: \$20.00  
Non members add a \$4.00 nms,  
total of \$24.00  
Children under 12 are free.  
Please make cheques payable to  
ASCA: Shire of Bitter End.  
Directions: There is no street address  
for this site.

From the junction of the QE2 and  
Sec hwy 597{Blackfaulds overpass}  
head east on sec 597 2 km to hwy 2A.  
Turn north {left} on hwy 2a to Twp 400  
{just after train overpass}  
Turn west {left} apx 1 km.  
Turn North {right} apx 0.5 km.  
Turn west {left} into site.

Obey all posted speed limits. Please  
stop at gate to sign in as no vehicles  
will be allowed to pass without signing  
in.

\*\*\*Signs will be posted  
starting at Hwy 2A\*\*\*



Image:Naqsh i Rustam. Investiture d'Ardashir

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### Paint

The two factors to consider are:

#### **Permanence rating:**

This dictates how fade resistant the colour is. The permanence rating will be listed on any good quality tube or cake of paint. It is critical that the permanence rating of the pigment be high so that your work does not change colour or fade with time

#### **Period appropriateness of the paint:**

**Type:** Not all modern paints are suitable for the reproducing the effect of medieval illumination. Gouache is by far the best choice. It is opaque but not shiny. Watercolour paints can work but tend to be more translucent. **Oil or acrylic-based paints are not at all suitable. Do not use these under any circumstances on Principality or Kingdom scrolls or charters.**

Windsor & Newton Designers Gouache and M. Graham & Co. Artists' Gouache are both excellent choices and are readily available.

**Colour:** Not all colours available in gouache are necessarily suitable for use. The modern artist has access to a much broader palette than the medieval artist did. Avoid the use of florescent, opalescent and excessively vibrant colours - however pretty they may be! Your best measure is to refer to period examples and follow their palette. The following colour choices are great starting points for building an appropriate palette if you are unsure of where to begin:

Black (Ivory or Lamp either is fine), Permanent White (best for white work), Zinc White (best for mixing), Ultramarine, Cobalt Blue, Cobalt Pale Hue, Windsor Green, Mistletoe Green, Sap Green, Cadmium Yellow Pale, Yellow Ochre, Spectrum Red, Alizarin Crimson, Spectrum Violet, Gold (Imitation).

### Ink

Opaque, lightfast ink is recommended. Waterproof inks are recommended, if at all possible. Many types of ink available especially coloured inks and the ink commonly found in cartridge calligraphy pens may look fabulous when first applied, but are not lightfast and will fade with time. Check your ink before beginning!

Higgins Eternal or Black Magic, Rotring opaque black, Calli jet black India, , black Sumi stick ink (artists' grade), Sumi professional grade ink (liquid) are all excellent choices.

#### **IMPORTANT!**

The following materials are not acceptable because of their instability or acidity.  
**WARNING:** They may look just fine when first applied but they are proven to age poorly and cause scrolls to loose their beauty. In some cases they can result in the scroll literally rotting

- Acrylic paints
- Ballpoint pens
- Fountain pen inks
- Markers, felt pens, studio pens, etc.
- Oil-based, pre-mixed metallic paints
- Non-permanent inks
- Non-permanent watercolours
- Oil paints
- Non-neutral pH papers
- Pastels or chalks
- Pencil crayons
- Winsor & Newton and Dr. Martins *drawing* inks
- Other cartooning inks

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away or deteriorating.

### Recommended Reading

Want to learn more? The following books are excellent resources for any scribal library and many are available at a reasonable price or second hand. Not ready to buy? Be sure to review the list of Scribal Resource Links and SCA Scribal Links on the new College of Scribe and Illuminators website.

Alexander, Jonathan, *Medieval Illuminators and Their Methods of Work*, Yale University Press, New Haven 1992.

Backhouse, Janet, *The Illuminated Page: 10 Centuries of Manuscript Painting in the British Library*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1998.

Brown, Michelle, *Understanding Illuminating Manuscripts: A Guide to Technical Terms*, The J. Paul Getty Museum and the British Library Board, London, 1994.

De Hamel, Christopher, *Scribes and Illuminators: Medieval Craftsman Series*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1992.

De Hamel, Christopher, *A History of Illuminated Manuscripts*, Phaidon, London, 1986.

De Hamel, Christopher, *The British Library guide to Manuscript Illumination – History and Techniques*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 2001.

Drogin, Marc, *Medieval Calligraphy – It's History and Technique*, Dover Publications Inc. New York, 1980.

Jackson, Donald, *The History of Writing*, Taplinger Publishing Co., New York, 1981.

Johnston, Edward, *Writing & Illuminating & Lettering*, Pitman & Sons, London, 1932.

Lamb, C.M., Ed., *The Calligrapher's Handbook*, Faber & Faber, London, 1968.

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*Theophilus On Divers Arts, The Foremost Medieval treatise on Painting, Glassmaking and Metalwork*, Dover Publications Inc., New York, 1979.

Thompson, Daniel, *The Materials and Techniques of Medieval Painting*, Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1956.

Thompson, D.V., translator. *De Arte Illuminandi: The Technique of Manuscript Illumination*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1933.

Walther, Ingo & Wolf, Norbert, *Masterpieces of Illumination: The World's Most Famous Manuscripts 400 To 1600*, Taschen America LLC, 2005.

Watson, Rowan, *Illuminated Manuscripts and Their Makers*, V& A Publications, London, 2003.

Wilson, Elizabeth, *Bibles and Bestiaries: A Guide to Illuminated Manuscripts*, Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, New York, 1994.

Wong, Frederick, *The Complete Calligrapher*,: Watson-Guptill, New York 1980.

— Submitted by Inga the Unfettered, Principality Scribe aka Gules Signet

## Quad War August 3-6, 2007

## Quad War Site Marsden, SK

The plains of Avacal roll with sounds of impending ... Quad War!  
What a way to play! Everybody wins!

The earth will rumble with the forces of The Coronets and Their Heirs. Choose your team! Display your pledge with a heraldic tile. Undecided? Even the odds - it'll make the contest more fun!

Gather in the heart of Avacal where we beat swords and drums fanning the flames of war and merriment. Partake in activities to entertain everyone: War! Castle battles for Armoured and Rapier; Tournaments; Target archery for all!; Pied Piper activities!; Bardic delights; Artistic Competitions; Classes and more classes; Spectacular Merchants Row!!!

Event opens noon Friday, August 3rd - closes noon Monday, August 6th.

Hosted by the Barony of Myrgan Wood.  
Autocrat: Baronne Roxanne Delaroché (Tracy Walker) 2618 Preston Ave, Saskatoon SK S7J 2G5  
dandt.walker@sasktel.net  
(306)651-2599

Site fees: \$15 per person 16 and over (add \$4 NMS), 15 and under free. Please make cheques payable to AMRA. Please bring your own drinking water as the local water is not potable. Above ground, contained fires only! There is no street address for this private site near Marsden, SK. Maps, Detailed directions at: <http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar>.

From the N, S, W and SW: Make your best route to Wainwright, AB. Go east on HWY 14 (becomes HWY 40 at the SK border). Drive 8 km past and turn north (left) on Artland road. The site is 4.5 km on the west (left).

From the E and SE: Make your best route to Saskatoon. Take HWY 16 to North Battleford. As you cross the bridge, stay to the left on HWY 40. It will turn west (right) midway through town. 5km west of (past) Marsden turn north (right) on Artland road The site is 4.5 km on the west (left).



Clash of arms  
during the field battle  
at Avacal Quad War 2005  
— Picture by Beothuk

## Dragonslayer/Hidden Treasures July 27 – 29, 2007

Barony of Montengarde  
Calgary AB

The Barony of Montengarde invites you to Dragonslayer, July 27-29, 2007. Come participate as we choose our Heavy and Archery Champions:  
- The Dragonslayer Tournament will be run by Baz  
- The Dragonblinder Tourney will be run by Gareth Stringbreaker and is for locals only

All archers are invited to shoot the largest archery tournament in An Tir, a 24 target roving range, run by Dalton. Royal Rounds will be run on the field range throughout the weekend for those wishing to record scores. Due to the mundane rules of the club, crossbows are not permitted. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Rapier, run by Cormac, will include duels on a real bridge. There will also be an A&S competition, bardic, dancing, and a fire pit.

Site does not have drinkable water. Some will be available in the Inn but we recommend you bring some. Stores and restaurants are nearby.

Site: Calgary Archers Club (No street address) Highway 8, Calgary.

Cost: \$10.00  
Non Member Fee: \$4.00  
Payable in advance by cheque, money order. Cheques payable to MSCA Inc.

Directions:  
Best route to Alberta Highway 2 (Deerfoot Trail in Calgary) Take Deerfoot to Glenmore Trail W. Glenmore turns into Highway 8 at Sarcee Trail. \* Follow Highway 8, over Elbow River Bridge. Site is 2nd driveway on the right.  
From the East or West:  
Highway 1 to Sarcee trail S. At the end of Sarcee turn right onto Highway 8 W. Follow directions from \* above.

Site opens at 5:00 pm Friday and closes at 2:00 pm Sunday.  
Autocrat: Morrigan (Jude Harrison), #18, 643 4th Ave. NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 0J9, 403 275-0338  
e-mail: [jude\\_harrison@hotmail.com](mailto:jude_harrison@hotmail.com)

Website:  
[hiddentreasures.akesons.com](http://hiddentreasures.akesons.com)



St. George and the Dragon — Barcelona

## Selewine's Scribings

### Populace Persona Piece—

"Hello Avacal, I know you are out there. To those good gentles who have taken the 20 Questions, thank you. To those good gentles who have taken, and answered, the 20 questions Huzzah! To the rest of you good gentles...what are you waiting for? I promise not to malign or abuse anyone in my scribing, cast no aspersions on anyone's honour and disparage none. It is just that the 5 famous questions of Who, What, Where, When, and Why beg to be answered by you, the populace of Avacal. The rest of the Knowne Worlde want to know..."

Please provide me with a mundane name, an email address and your location within the principality. It would also be helpful if you told me a little about how you chose your persona and people group. I am trying to treat this as if I were interviewing your persona for a feature on interesting people in a Human Interest section for the newsletter. The questions below are more guidelines than hard and fast requirements. Imagine sitting over a coffee or other period appropriate hot or cold beverage (no, I am not buying) and telling someone all about yourself. You have worked hard on persona development...let's tell the Known World all about it. I am looking for people who have spent time working on and developing their personas. What I need is information from gentles who want to be part of the project that answer the following questions, in persona please.



Your Picture Could Be  
Here!!

- 1) Who are you?
- 2) When other people talk about you as a people group what do they call you? (Please, I am not looking for derogatory comments but a general term for your people that you yourself did not use. Did the Mongols call themselves Mongols for instance.)
- 3) When your people speak of themselves what do they call themselves?
- 4) When do you live?
- 5) Where do you live?
- 6) If you are living somewhere other than where you were born how did you get there?
- 7) What do you do for a living?
- 8) Is what you do for a living considered a traditional or non-traditional career choice?
- 9) If it is a non traditional choice how did you get there?
- 10) Do you follow a religion of any sort?
- 11) Do you live in one place or do you move around a lot?
- 12) What sort of clothing do you wear?
- 13) Are there any types/styles/colours of clothing that are particularly recognizable as being part of your culture?

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- 14) What sorts of food do you eat?
- 15) Are there any cooking methods that you use that are particular to your people?
- 16) What type of home do you live in?
- 17) What is your primary mode of travel? (DRAGON is not a persona answer)
- 18) Are there household articles, jewellery or cooking utensils that would be specific to your people?
- 19) If you could tell me two interesting, and perhaps little known, facts about your persona or the people group your persona represents what would they be?
- 20) What else do I need to know to do your persona justice in anything I write? (This is your chance to brag about your people, your culture and yourself. Use it wisely.)

— Submitted by - HL Brother Selewine (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)"

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

Here is a great website from Northshields, our friendly neighbours all about hiding the mundanities in our campsites!

<http://caeranterth.northshield.org/Library/periodcamp.html>

Enjoy!

Submitted by —HE Morrigan Clubfoot

## From the Principality Chronicler

Ya Hala,

Another month has sped quickly by. The cover photo (thank you Baron Beothuk) is of HE Inga the Unfettered, suited up in armour at Quad War 2006. Be sure to read what is, sadly, the last article in HE Inga's scribal secrets revealed—if you haven't read the first three articles, you should! Back editions of the Avantgarde are available on the Avantgarde website at <http://users.accesscomm.ca/avantgarde>.

Too soon another Quad War will be over—this issue contains many missives regarding this event as well as further information about Dragonslayer. These events are wonderful opportunities for you to show off your period campsite – for pointers on getting 'the period look' visit the interesting link above provided by HE Morrigan.

If the Avantgarde has been a little too thick (number of pages, not intellect) never fear because the August issue threatens to be a bit too thin — if you'd like to see this remedied, be sure to send HL Brother Selewine your answers to his 20 persona questions, or you could write a few lines, draw or take a picture, share your bardic talents or suggest an article (with the author's permission) that you'd like to see in the Avantgarde, and be sure to thank those who have already submitted articles and tell them when you've enjoyed their work.

Lastly, I'm *still* looking for a deputy—this is the most rewarding and enjoyable task I've done in the SCA so far and if you can peck at a keyboard and know how to copy and paste, this may also be a rewarding and enjoyable task for you. Don't be afraid to step forward—I won't bite!  
*alaam Alikum — al-Sayidah umm Bishr, principality chronicler*

# AVACAL CALENDAR

July		
21	July Coronation *	Silverheart
28	Dragonslayer *	Montengarde
August		
4	Quad War *	Myrgan Wood
4	Moorish Tavern *	Northshield
18	Investiture *	Bitter End
September		
30-03	Crown	Blatha An Oir
8	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
15	Feast of the Dragon's Fire	Ruddglyn
22	Kingdom Bardic	Aquaterra
29	Vinfest IX	Vinjar

*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.

## 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 (Deadline for applications is Nov 15/07) :** The position of Regent is responsible for promoting education throughout Avacal. The applicant should be organized, willing to keep up with minimal paperwork and able to communicate with the Regional Chancellors as well with Principality Seneschal and Their Highnesses.

**Regional THUA Chancellors (Deadline for applications is Aug 15/07) :** Coordinate with teachers in your area to arrange classes for local events.

**Principality Chirurgeon (Deadline for applications is Aug 15/07) :** 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.

## Seneschal's Message

Greetings unto the people of Avacal,

As seneschal, I see a lot of the behind the scenes work that goes into ensuring we get to play the game we do. I would like to take this chance to send my personal thanks to those who take the time to volunteer, provide suggestions, help new people, teach others, and generally support their area. Realizing not everyone wishes to be an officer, there are still so many ways people can get involved. This principality is better for your efforts. Thank you.

On that note, I'd like to remind officers that it is reporting time again! At June Coronet, Their Highnesses appointed a few new principality officers so please check the address listing at the back to make sure you're sending your report to the correct person.

*Ever In Service—Meistres Manyra*

### Riddle Me This...

*A crature came where there sat many wise men in the meeting-place.  
He had two ears and one eye, two feet and twelve hundred heads,  
a back and a belly, a pair of hands, two shoulders and arms, a neck,  
and two sides. Now tell me his name.*

Riddles from the Exeter Book. An Anthology of Old English Poetry. Charles W. Kennedy, translator. New York--Oxford University Press 1960.

A One Eyed Man Selling Garlic

## Quad War 07 - Did you know!?

- ❖ Your arms or device will be displayed in support of your choice of team, Steinn & Gemma Prince & Princepsa or Kvigir & Linnet Tanist & Tanista!
- ❖ There will be Equestrian activities this year for the first time!
- ❖ That the Gryphon's Den is a newly designated area for children? The list of planned classes and activities for kids is tremendous!
- ❖ Many, many different combat scenarios have been planned for hours and hours of fighting entertainment!
- ❖ A rapier eric will be located on Merchant's Row! We're not sure how we'll fit it amongst all the merchants, but it'll work!
- ❖ Every single person on the site capable of pulling a bow (so maybe not the 18 month olds) can participate in Target Archery!
- ❖ There are so many classes on so many topics scheduled this year that it boggles the mind!
- ❖ Like to cook? The ever popular Siege Cooking class is back by popular demand!
- ❖ You don't have to get lost! There are easy to use maps to help you find the site!
- ❖ There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer to help this event be 'The Best Ever' just check out the autocrat team for contact information.
- ❖ You can lighten the load and your time spent at troll by pre-registering for this event on line!

All the details you ever wanted to know can be found at:

<http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/index.htm>

— HE Roxanne Delaroche, Quad War Autocrat

## The Avacal Corp of Engineers Needs You!!

Any persons with the weekend of July 14th free is called to assist the engineers of Avacal in preparing the Quad War site for our annual War.

Any interested persons please contact HL Dante Machiavelli for more details.

*Ever your servant—HL Dante, 780-962-654, dantem@shaw.ca*

## Quad Injuries Big or Small—Will Help with All!

Good Day to All:

Like you , I am very happy to see Quad looming around the corner. It's hard to believe that another year has passed. Wow. You know how in depth you are when you tell time by what the next event is!!! I just wanted to let the populace know, that I am your Chirurgeon in Training and will be at the site that weekend. So any injuries, no matter how big or small, I'll be able to help you out. I'll be wearing a red baldric with the white symbol of a drop of blood on it. Most people know me so I won't be hard to hunt down. I'm trying to find someone who would be so kind to pass along any ideas they might have.

*Thanks so much. See you there—Litton*

## Call for Field Marshals for Quad War

Greeting Marshals and Want to be Marshals of Avacal,

We would like to officially ask for volunteers for field Marshalling at Quad War this year. We are looking for Non-combatant Marshals at the moment willing to assist in field marshalling. Also if you are a non-combatant but not a marshal and would like to assist in the marshalling process then please contact us and we'll see what we can do to have you help in any way possible.

If interested in: (Contact)...

Armoured Marshalling: (Kvigir Ivarsson kvigr\_ivarsson@ hotmail . com) (remove spaces)

Combat Archery Marshalling: (Robert of Clan Gunn rms210@mail. usask . ca )

Rapier Marshalling: (Raoul Delaroche dandt.walker@ sasktel . com)

Please leave your name, your marshalling level, and for how long you would be willing to marshal for (i.e. All day, Only for half the day, unsure).

—HE Kvigir Ivarsson, Quad War Armored Coordinator

## The Spoils of Quad War

To the victor goes the spoils. . . but first we need some spoils. Support your liege by entering an item of largesse in a blind A&S competition at Quad War. The populace will choose the winner and runner-up during competition on Saturday and Sunday. All items pre-17th Century that are small and easy to transport are welcome. A brief description of `what`, `when` and `who` would be excellent but is not necessary. As with all largesse, please avoid food, drink and scented items as well as large or fragile items.

This contest is judged blind so please bring the labels with your SCA name and Branch separately so they can be reattached after the competition closes. All items entered will be contributed to largesse and donated to the victor.

Submitted by —L Agnete von Freiburg, [amandafarries@sasktel.net](mailto:amandafarries@sasktel.net) (306) 664-6451

## Is Peace at Quad Imminent?

Your liege has invited the enemy to dine. You are to cook a feast for the event but the larders are thin. Can you produce a meal that will give the enemy the impression that you can keep your men at arms strong and well fed for months? Can you convince them that they should pack up and go home? Your challenge is to give the impression that the castle larders and pantries are still full, and can withstand being under siege for several more months, with the fanciest meal you can produce.

Welcome to the Quad War Siege Cooking Contest. Support your liege; the Siege Cooking Contest counts towards the A&S War Point.

You will receive an assortment of unknown ingredients on Saturday morning and judging will occur later in the afternoon (time and locations to be determined closer to the event). You may bring ONE additional ingredient.

Entries will be judged on period presentation, taste and creative use of the ingredients. Bonus points will be awarded for the number of different ingredients used and the number of dishes presented (maximum of three).

TIME IS RUNNING OUT . . . Register for the Siege Cooking Contest before July 22, 2007 with: [amandafarries@sasktel.net](mailto:amandafarries@sasktel.net)

Submitted by —L Agnete von Freiburg

## Tentative Gryphon's Nest Activity/Class List

This list is subject to change. Classes are limited to six. Some Activities like period face painting will have times announced in the morning. Scheduling will be available next week.

"Paint to shoot" will be set up at a table with supplies and will be open for up to 6 at a time as long as there is adequate supervision. Including Friday.

(A) = Activity (C) = Class

### Hatchlings: 0-2 year olds

A) Banner painting with little feet \* A) Story Time \* A) Play with Flour Dough Cost \$0

### Nestlings: 3-5 year olds

C) Bead making \* C) Pouch game \* C) Viking Shield \* C) Puppet Making \* C) Fabric painting  
C) Necklace \* A) Medieval Active Games

### Gryphlets 6-8

C) Viking Long Boat \* C) Armoured Stuffed Animal \* A) Medieval Games \* C) Paint to Shoot  
C) Embroidery \* C) Illumination \* C) Fabric Painting \* C) Bead Making \* C) Book Making

### Gryphlings 9-12

C) Drum Making \* C) Illumination \* C) Rune Making \* C) Mosaic \* A) Intro drumming  
C) Beginner Weaving \* A) Intro Archery \* C) Make a mini Trebuchet \* A) Plant and animal lore:  
C) Trichonopoly \* C) Paint and Shoot \* A) Medieval folk dancing \* C) Fabric Painting

### Fledglings 13-15

C) Tablero de Jesus \* C) Illumination Box \* C) Intro Amber \* C) Leather Bracers  
A) Intro Archery \* A) Tracking \* C) Paint and Shoot \* C) Fabric Painting

### Gryphons 15-18 (note: Gryphons may take Fledgling classes listed above)

A) Norse 101 \* C) Leather Gillies \* C) Silver Loop in Loop bracelet

Merci—HE Hélène Charesse, *Baronne of Myrgan Wood*

## Dragonblinder 2007/AS 42 Archery Information

In the summer of AS 42 Montengarde will host Dragonslayer (July 27-29). The choosing of our new DragonSlayer (Heavy champion) and DragonBlinder (Archery champion) will take place at this event. See the Event Copy for the site location.

It is the DragonBlinder that concerns us here. In addition to Dalton Arundel's famous roving archery shoot (an event not to be missed), there will be the DragonBlinder Tournament, a target shoot in two parts.

First, the Championship shoot will begin at about 9:30 in the morning of July 28th. An Open shoot will begin at about 10:30 in the morning, or right after the Championship shoot has finished.

### Timeline:

9:00 – Archers should be at the range to sign up for the Championship.

Hidden Treasures roving range is open at this time as well.

9:15 – TAM's will begin inspections.

9:30 – Championship tourney will begin.

10:00 – Open tourney competitors should be at the range to sign up and have gear inspected.

10:30 – Open tourney begins.

Those wishing to participate in the Open shoot need merely show up at 10:00 with a minimum of seven arrows. You will shoot the same tourney as the Championship shoot, but will not be eligible to claim the DragonBlinder Championship.

Those wishing to participate in the Championship shoot will need to keep the following in mind; -It will likely be hot weather, so have a supply of water and cool clothing with you. -You must bring a minimum of seven arrows to the shoot, and I recommend more. A full dozen in good condition is probably best. You will be required to ask the Baron and Baroness for permission to shoot. Heralds are not required. -One of your arrows will be used as your Heraldry sign, to indicate who is shooting.

As always, TAM's will be asked to help with equipment inspections, but it is the archers' responsibility to ensure that their equipment is in good shape. Loaner gear will NOT be available for this shoot. Crossbows will NOT be allowed due to mundane by-laws of the facility.

So come out and shoot! There will be a lot of archery going on this weekend, including the Championship and Open tourneys, the night shoot on the 27th, and Dalton's Hidden Treasures roving range (Do Not Miss This, it is excellent!). There will be plenty of other things going on that weekend as well, like rapier and heavy tourneys, A&S contests, a bardic tourney, a feast and many other things.

If there are any questions about the tourney, either Championship or Open, please contact me at [garething@gmail.com](mailto:garething@gmail.com).

— Submitted by Gareth Stringbreaker, *Montengarde DragonBlinder*

## Dinner at Dragonslayer

Dinner at Dragonslayer will once again be put on by the staff of the Calgary Archers Club. It will be a prime rib dinner with potatoes, Brian's special baked beans and other sides. Cost for the dinner is \$15.00 (I am checking into a children's price). Since the dinner is being put on by an outside source paid reservations must be received no later than July 20th. The only reservation is a paid reservation

Cheques should be made payable to Brian Struthers. For those who go to the Calgary Archery Centre you can pay him in person if you wish.

Send cheques to:

Jim Martin  
#18, 643 4th Ave NE  
Calgary, AB  
T2E 0J9

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there—HL Dalton

## Dragonslayer Hidden Treasures Updates

Greetings from the Autocrat team!

Lady Tosh of the Green Cauldron is offering lunch on the Saturday of the event with the following menu!

❖ Burger.....\$ 3.00 (add cheese \$0.50)

❖ Cheese Smokie..... \$3.00

❖ Grilled Chicken Burger.....\$ 3.00

❖ Tossed salad....\$2.50

❖ Beef Barley Soup with a homemade bun...\$3.50

❖ I will also have pop, cold bottled water and maybe coffee.....\$ 1.00 each.

Time will be from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Friday night after dark, join Lord James le Grande for his famous Night Shoot - purchase your glow sticks (3 for \$1), tape them to your arrows and shoot at blacklit targets! Nothing like tracer fire to light up the night sky!

Saturday Afternoon - Lord Elias will be hosting his Thrown Weapons Tourney on the Archery Range - details already up on the Website!

Saturday all day - A&S Display!! Please bring your projects to show off - There will be tables set aside for an A&S display, documentation optional but a description would be nice. Beltane showed just a small taste of what this Barony's talents are - if it's your first project or your fiftieth, bring it out and please show it off!

We are still looking for volunteers for troll and lists, so please let the team know if you can help out at all.

Updates are being put up on the website on an ongoing basis - please check back often!

*Thank you —Morrigan , (on behalf of the team)*

## Dragonslayer Bardic Championship

Greetings My Lords and Ladies of Montengarde,

This is to announce that the First Bardic Championship of Montengarde will indeed be held at Dragonslayer this year. In the planning for the event, we will need to know in advance how many competitors to expect and what type of performance they wish to enter so that we may find proper judges for the event.

So for all who wish to enter this competition and vie for the title of Bardic Champion of Montengarde please contact either myself or the Minister of Arts and Sciences with a statement of intent to enter.

Those who would be interested in acting as judges for the competition may also contact us.

The tournament layout will be announced at a later date, once the planning committee has an idea of what to expect.

That being said, for those who wish to help plan the championship but are not competing, the committee is looking for volunteers to help out. It is open to everyone, so you don't necessarily need a background in bardic to join.

Again for those who are interested, please contact either myself, or the Minister of Arts and Sciences. Contact information is below:

Bardic Deputy of Montengarde: Gelis An Ceol, E-mail: Loclif@shaw.ca

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Findabhair na Noinini, E-mail: noinini@telus.net

More information on the Championship will be posted in the forthcoming weeks.

Montengarde has many talented bards, so I would hope to see a large turnout. The Championship will not be limited to just music and instrumental performances, any type of performing art is welcome (Storytelling, Dancing, Juggling, Magic, just to name a few) and the more the merrier!

*Thank you, YIS—Gelís An Ceol, Bardic Deputy of Montengarde*

## THUA Classes at Quad War

The following is a list of classes that will be offered at Quad War this year. Please make a note that classes may be cancelled or rescheduled, so check [http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/thua\\_class\\_list.htm](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/thua_class_list.htm) often. Also, we will have a class board outside the Events Centre Pavilion for you to check upon daily. Please pre-register for the classes, as space is limited. (you can also do this online at [http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/thua\\_class\\_list.htm](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/thua_class_list.htm))

**A&S Locations:** There will be several places set up for classes. They will be indicated by colored flags. Make sure to check the Gatebook for where your class will be taught.

### Hours of Operation:

Registration for Friday's Classes will be at announced times.

Registration for SAT and SUN will be 8 a.m.-9 a.m.

**Classes:** Classes will be offered Friday through to Sunday. Please see the class schedule for a list of the different classes offered this year (online soon). A copy of the classes will be available at the A&S pavilion, as well as in the Gatebook.

Class Schedule will be available at [http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/thua\\_class\\_list](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/thua_class_list).very soon!

Please email HL A'isha Rayhana al-Karim with any questions, or if you wish to register.

**Note:** There is NO registration fee for THUA classes. However, some classes have a fee associated in order for the instructors to cover the cost of materials provided.

### A taste of some of the classes to be offered at this Quad War:

- ❖ Beginner Lampwork (glass bead making)
- ❖ Astronomy
- ❖ Fabric Painting: A cheap, easy and medieval way to embellish your garb
- ❖ Belts, baubles and Coronets oh my!
- ❖ Chivalry and Etiquette
- ❖ Period Construction Methods for Amber Cabochons
- ❖ Medieval Headwear
- ❖ Intro Bardic Class
- ❖ Lechery 101
- ❖ Voice Heraldry
- ❖ So You Want to Be Head Cook for a Feast - Where to Start
- ❖ Improving Taste, Appearance, and Aroma of Medieval Meals - The History of the Spice Trade
- ❖ Improving Taste, Appearance, and Aroma of Medieval Meals - The Products of the Spice Trade
- ❖ Mapping our World - Cartography/Measurements/Navigation
- ❖ Hand Sewing Techniques
- ❖ Pattern Drafting
- ❖ Historical Rosaries & Paternosters - An Essential Dress Accessory for the Proper Lord or Lady
- ❖ Elizabethan Drinking Songs
- ❖ The History of the Little Egyptians (Gypsies)
- ❖ Embroidered Pleatwork
- ❖ Brocaded Tablet Weaving
- ❖ Viking Whip cording
- ❖ Complete Blade Sharpening
- ❖ Period Shaving or How to Shave With a Blade and Not Cut Your Throat
- ❖ Basic Leather Working
- ❖ Parchment Making – 201
- ❖ Rus Embellishments, Embroidery and Decorative Elements
- ❖ Hand Building (Pottery)
- ❖ Bath Salts and Oils Through the Ages
- ❖ Henna Party

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- ❖ Ground Crew for Equestrian
- ❖ Trichonopoly
- ❖ European Dance
- ❖ Beginner's Backgammon
- ❖ Fingerloop Braiding
- ❖ Pick-up Inkle weaving
- ❖ Equestrian Barding and Trapping Class
- ❖ 10 Gore Dress or Tunic
- ❖ Bread Making 101
- ❖ Indigo Dyeing
- ❖ Middle Eastern Heraldry
- ❖ How to design your device and what is that herald saying?
- ❖ Rapier: Fighting with an offensive secondary weapon

— HL A'isha Rayhana al-Karim, storm\_song@hotmail.com

## Equestrian Activities at Quad

Equestrian activities will be happening at Quad War this year. We have marshalls coming up from Southern Tyr Righ to run it for us.

On Saturday morning there will be a class for ground crew of Equestrian >events.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a demonstration of Equestrian Activities in the SCA.

If you wish to help by being ground crew or participate in the demonstration please contact me as soon as possible. My phone # is 780 628 2356, email rms210@mail.usask.ca

— L. Robert of Clan Gunn

## Populace Archery Shoot at Quad

Just wanted to remind everyone that once again there will be a Populace shoot to decide the Archery War Point at Quad War. Everyone on the property can participate. We will even have a range set up for children to participate. With only a month until Quad if you haven't shot before but wish to participate I would suggest dropping by your local archery practice to get some pointers. We hope to offer instruction on the Friday at Quad but there will probably be no instruction available Saturday or Sunday since the shoot will monopolize the loaner gear. The more people that participate the better the results for each side. Do your part for either the Prince and Princess or Tanist and Tanista and help your team win.

See you on the range—HL Dalton

## Loaner Archery Gear for Quad

If anyone has loaner gear they are willing to bring to Quad for use in the Populace Shoot could you please contact me privately and let me know what you can bring? I'd like to have an idea of what we have to work with ahead of time so things will run smoothly once on site. Your Efforts and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance—HL Dalton



Queuing up for the tourney at Quad—Picture by Beothuk

## Quad War Merchants — So Far

Merchants can register with the Merchant Co-ordinator, L Schmett Yrlynska (306-843-2251 No calls after 10pm please) or use the Merchant Pre-registration form at [http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/merchants\\_prereg.htm](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/merchants_prereg.htm)

### Clothing

#### Dark Opal Designs

Shirts, tunics, pants, dresses, jackets, turkish wear, custom pieces available to order.  
SCA Name: N'Talia Hatun bint Ramazan al-Rashid

#### HL Lina Joya

Shirts, chemises, ren dresses, sideless surcoats, tunics.  
SCA Name: HL Lina Joya of Grantham Keep

#### Galeana Nicolletti

Clothing for all Lords & Ladies. Boots, hats & more.

#### Alessandra Da Pavia/Lucia Magna

Roman garb. For the men, tunics and togas. For the women, stollas and pallas. Belts and accessories as well. We are willing to take advanced orders via email. The outfits will cost \$20 - \$30 with accessories extra.

#### HL Sybell Deya

Garb, Norse, Late period, Cavalier. Renn dresses, one of a kind items. Bellydance supplies, novelties. Childrens toys.

#### Coryn's Garb Shop

Well constructed early period clothing. Suitable for camping

#### Dexter's Cloaking Devices

Cloaks and other warm clothing

### Jewelry

#### Maillios Somerled

Chainmail Jewelry: Bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings.

### Sundries

#### Thor's Gear

Viking supplies and leather crafting. pouches, furs, camping supplies, shoes, etc.

#### Lilith Le Perdue

Handcrafted Jewellery, knit goods (socks, etc.), leather pouches & water/wine skins. Olive oil soap from Damascus. Commercial Historically accurate horn ware, wood ware, and miscellaneous camp goods. Small selection of belly dance items (coin bras & belts, dance swords).

#### Lost Arrow Archery

Custom Longbows, arrows, leathercraft, viking sundries & accessories.

### A'isha's Apothecary

Hand blended bath salts, lotions, bath teas and more.

### Exavier the Exiled

Wine, dragon incense holders, dragon candle holders, griffon tea light holders, drinking horns, jem stones, arms and hides, fairy post cards, beef jerky.

### Talyn and Tanwen

Leather Wares and knick knacks

### Meg's New & Second Hand

Feast Gear - Cups plates, Bowls, totes, linins, candle holders (Stuff people normally forget, lose, or gets broken in transit) some clothing, footwear, mostly 2nd hand (doesn't fit my personna anymore, I've lost weight, or ...)

### Games

#### Past Tymes Diversions

Period Games, Playing Cards, and Dice.

### Potters

#### Isabel the Potter

Pottery, Weapons, and misc.

#### Sheila Horon

Pottery plus, Custom orders welcome.

### Food

#### The Green Cauldron

Quad War Meal Plans are as follows:  
Wed Supper to Monday Breakfast:\$75.00  
Thursday Breakfast to Monday Breakfast:\$69.00  
Friday Breakfast to Monday Breakfast:\$50.00  
Saturday Breakfast to Monday Breakfast:\$35.00  
If you have an allergy to any foods please let me know. I will also have some gluten free products as well.

#### HL Dante Machiavelli

Wine, Spirits, soft drinks, & Coffee.

### Blacksmiths

#### Chokecherry Forge

Knives, spears, arrowheads, portable holes, tent stakes, axes, and general blacksmithwork.

#### Thorkell Ranulfsson

Hand forged iron work and hand carved woodwork

For merchants' websites and/or contact information please visit  
[www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/merchants.htm](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/quadwar/merchants.htm)