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**From The Griffin Thrones:**

Greetings to the Glorious Populace of Mighty Avacal!

This past month has been hugely busy. Autumn Celebration in Cold Keep was much fun and busy with rapier, heavy and archery. Thank you to everyone from out of the Shire, Principality and even outside the Kingdom who attended! Next came Vinfest, an event that is always a very good time. If you haven't taken the time to go up and stomp grapes, We highly recommend it!

Things will be slowing down now but don't forget that November Coronet is approaching. Get those Avantgarde subscriptions, tourney tiles, and fighter banners/flags/etc done (Inspirations, it would be lovely to represent you as well! Get yours done and hang them high beside your fighter's banner!) \*Please check the event copy for all of your November Coronet needs!\* We look forward to seeing who will next sit on the Griffin Thrones.

The populace of Montengarde is busily preparing for the polling for their next Baron and Baroness. We wish them much luck in choosing from such a worthy group of applicants! Good luck to all who applied.

Autumn is definitely here... the leaves are turning yellow and the nights are getting cooler. We wish you bountiful crops, a quick harvest and merry wine making!

Wernar and Tatiana  
Prince and Khatun, Avacal

\*Tyranny!!\*

Picture by Beothuk

**Royal Progress**

Tatiana, Khatun: Feast of St Crispins, Tir Bannog, Tir Righ  
November Coronet

Prince Wernar: November Coronet  
Yule in Borealis

# COURT REPORT

The following awards were given out:

23 Sept 2006 Cold Keep  
Autumn Celebration  
Wernar and Tatiana

AoA Isabelle (Ravensweir)  
AoA Suna (Cold Keep)  
AoA Henry Hawkyms (Cold Keep)  
GG Markus Pheilsmid

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

## Recommendation forms!

[http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/files/Avacal\\_award\\_rec.pdf](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/files/Avacal_award_rec.pdf)

<http://www.antir.sca.org/recommendations.php>

## Call for Largesse

Their Royal Highnesses would be grateful and honored to receive contributions of largesse from the people of An Tir during Their upcoming reign. Please consider contributing items that would be appropriate for the Viking era, although items from any time pre-17th Century are welcome!

If you have any questions about what might make good largesse, please ask.

**Ideas include:** \*handmade yarn, felt items, wool trim, and other textiles

\*wooden tools, wooden toys, hand-carved wood items (someone made little horses last year that were a HUGE hit)

\*small metal and wood boxes that look early period

\*napkins or other table linens in their colors (blue, black, gold, silver): that are made from natural fibers

\*handmade lampwork beads

\*early period toys, games, children's activities

\*bags and pouches of all sizes, made from natural materials

\*tassels and other ornaments that can be used to decorate largesse (please use natural-looking yarns or thread)

\*small, sturdy pottery

\*metal work, such as forged eating ware, small hooks, etc.

\*beaded necklaces and other jewelry

**Please avoid:** \*potpourri, candles, or other scented items

\*cordials, homebrew or homemade wine (largesse that is food really should be commercially produced and packaged - please ask regarding special circumstances)

\*anything especially fragile, very large, or that requires special handling

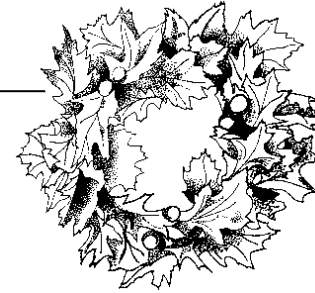
\*used items

Thank you for your consideration. Their Royal Highnesses appreciate the time, effort, and creativity that goes into making largesse, and will be very proud to gift these items during Their reign. Please note that the contributor's SCA name and branch is needed on every item that we receive - we want to make sure that people get thanked for their contributions, and \*it is important that the items be labeled\* when they are gifted during the reign to demonstrate the talent and generosity of the people of An Tir.

I will be collecting donations from the talented artisans of Avacal, to be forwarded to HL Tomyrus for TRH on or before Kingdom 12th Night. If you are interested in contributing, please contact me at [ifatahyo@yahoo.ca](mailto:ifatahyo@yahoo.ca) (remove spaces) to make arrangements or I will be attending November Coronet and will be accepting donations then.

Thank you.  
HE Ifatahyo

## Yule Feast December 9, 2006



In traditions of old come and join the Barony of Borealis in celebrating the season. Share with us the fine food, dancing, music and most of all the pleasure of friends, both old and new.

Date: December 9, 2006 at the Canadian Hungarian Cultural Society of Edmonton 12847-68 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

Time: site opens at 12:01 p.m. and closes at 12:30 a.m.

Price: Site fees \$6.00 feast \$10.00 please be advised that there is a 4.00 non-member surcharge.

Children 6 to 12 years of age \$5.00 for feast, 6 and under free.

Make cheques payable to ASCA Barony of Borealis.

Feast will start at 6 p.m.

Yule means feast and there is a great one planned to tempt one and all by our feastocrat Pergrine Falconer. Should you have any questions/allergies about the feast menu please contact him at [lord\\_pergrine\\_falconer@yahoo.ca](mailto:lord_pergrine_falconer@yahoo.ca) (remove the spaces) or by phone 780-321-0476

Please contact HL Coryn of the Woods for feast reservations at [corryvz@telusplanet.net](mailto:corryvz@telusplanet.net) (remove spaces) Or by phone 780-474-6892. There will also be some merchant space available. For those who wish to sell their wares please contact HL Coryn of the Woods for details.

## Barony of Borealis Edmonton, AB

Many times in the past we have shared in the giving of gifts and while this is a fine tradition this year we'd like to change it a bit. Instead of a gift

we ask that you give to the food bank. If you'd have bought a gift, take that money and buy food or a toy for those in our fine Barony that are less fortunate than we are. There will be boxes at the Troll for donations and you can feel good knowing many more will be fed because of your generosity.

We'd also like to continue the tradition that Mistress Joan started of giving a prize to the best-dressed table. So shake out those linen tablecloths for she will be judging who has the best Yule table.

There will be a games tournament hosted by John and Jean de Chauliac, starting at 2 p.m. Any who would like to take part may register at the hall or contact John at [tosophile\\_edm@yahoo.com](mailto:tosophile_edm@yahoo.com)

Should you have any other questions please feel free to contact the autocrat Lady Verdandi Spencer at [sliverhawks@hotmail.com](mailto:sliverhawks@hotmail.com) (remove spaces) 7611-120 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5B 0X6, 780-474-5147 or the co-autocrat Lady Yamadi Blackeye at [yamadif@yahoo.ca](mailto:yamadif@yahoo.ca) (remove spaces) 12923-71 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5C 0M4 or 780-457-5432

## November Coronet November 24 - 26, 2006

## Barony of Borealis Edmonton, AB

Their Highnesses Wernar Ivarrison and Tatiana the Outspoken invite you to join Them in the Barony of Borealis on November 25th to witness the choosing of the Heirs to the thrones of Avacal!!

Location: South Clareview Community League, 3250 – 132A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5A 3T1. There is no overnight stay.

9:00 Hall Opens

9:30 - 10:30 Rapier Cadet Tourney

9:45 Noble Estates Council

10:30 Laurels Council

11:00 Coronet Lists Open

11:15 Pelicans Meeting

11:30 Armor Inspection begins

Noon Coronet Lists close

12:30 Morning Court - Invocation of the Lists Immediately following Coronet Tourney

Investiture of the Tanist and Tanista

4:30 - 5:30 Squires Tourney

5:30 Knights' Council

7:00 Feast

Evening Court during the Feast

### Cost:

Site: \$10 Site & Feast: \$20

Children: Under 12 half price/under 5 free.

Note that a \$4 Non-member surcharge will be applied to all non-member attendees. Bring proof of membership!

Make cheque payable to:

ASCA Barony of Borealis

Nov. Coronet tourney will be a standard double elimination with open weapon choices. The two things WE REQUIRE are that

1) the fighter have an appropriate tourney tile. (For clarification, please contact the Principality List Mistress, Caitlin at [avacal-lists@antir.sca.org](mailto:avacal-lists@antir.sca.org))

2) The fighter must (and we STRONGLY encourage their Inspirations as well) have some sort of heraldry that can be displayed. \*i.e. hung on a wall\*. This does not have to be registered arms. It can be in any form... banner, tabard, baldric, tunic etc. This does not include shields. Note that all warriors and their inspirations entering the Coronet lists must have proof of membership present and have a current subscription to the Avantgarde.

The archery tournament will be held at Pipestone Creek Archery Club between 10:00 – 11:30 am.

For archery tournament information please contact Lady Litton at [littonspoke@lycos.com](mailto:littonspoke@lycos.com).

To make reservations, ask questions etc contact the autocrat Lady Freja (Cheryl Richardson) at (780) 634-8660 or [torgga@shawbiz.ca](mailto:torgga@shawbiz.ca).

For reservation for feast, please send mundane name, SCA name, branch, member or not (if a member, send membership number), and, adult/minor/child

### Directions:

Find your best way to YellowHead Trail. Head North on Victoria Trail. Follow Victoria Trail until you get to 132A Avenue, turn left onto 132A Avenue. The hall is in on the right-hand side about 2 blocks later.

## Riderless Horse Tassle Award

An important award for An Tir has been created to honor those An Tirians who have passed away.

Every An Tirian who has died will receive the Riderless Horse Tassle, to honor their memory. I would like to ensure that I have a complete list from Avacal to send to the Kingdom Heralds. I would ask that you contact me if you know of any other Avacalians that should receive the Riderless Horse Tassle. I deeply apologize in advance if I have missed any names.

These are the names of our Brother and Sister Avacalians that have or who are to receive the Riderless Horse Tassle. Thank you. Yours in service,



Agnes of Oslo

Arabella MacFadden

Kelda Valder

Mercedes

Odli Goodwater

Ragnulf Bjarnison

Sigrid Rabenfels

Theodora of Northworthy

Wulphere the Capacious

Lady Annys Bradwardyn  
Sanguinaris Herald, Avacal

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

Some of Avacal's populace and their recently passed devices. Here's the link:

<http://badger.cx/heraldry/roll/page.asp?page=1&order=dateadded+DESC&show=100&category=ALL>

Some of the recently passed devices include:  
Cateryn M'Manis, Natal'ia Volkovicha, Gareth Bythewere,  
Hakon Einarsson, Shire of Bordergate

Submitted by Steinn Vikingsson

## From the Principality Chronicler

Salome,

Thank you to everyone who has been so patient, helpful, and forgiving during these last two months! Thank you especially to my tireless proof-reader Geoffrey Kempe and photographers Askell and Beothuk. I suspect the next 22 issues will continue to be a wonderful learning experience!

Please show your support by renewing your subscriptions and encouraging others to do the same. Remember that this is *your* newsletter, so please let me know what you'd like to see in upcoming issues—the input is very much appreciated. If you like what you see so far, that's good to know too. See you at Coronet!

Ever in service,  
al-Sayidah umm Bishr



## Populace Persona Pieces

Greetings unto the populace of Avacal. I am Brother Selwynn and many of you know me; the rest of you will soon as I bother, bug and harass you for help. I am beginning a project for which I need the help of the good gentles of our Principality, in fact without your help the project will not succeed.

I recently posted on the Circus about my persona project. I have received some positive responses but it has been brought to my attention that not all are on the Circus so I am using this forum as well to reach the populace. I have asked 20 questions of the populace and will repost them here. The answers to the questions will provide all of the information needed for a series of articles for the Avantgarde for which umm Bishr has graciously allotted me space in these pages.

Each of us who plays in the SCA has a persona, sometimes all we have is a name and sometimes we have gone into great detail and found our persona living a life of their own. I wish to share your persona with the populace at large. If you have a name you have a place where your persona lives and people with whom your persona relates. I want to hear about those details of your life and the freedom to share them with the rest of the populace. Every story you share in these pages encourages another to find out more about the history, culture and relationships of their persona. Share your successes and your struggles to create a plausible and possible persona within this game we all play. As we learn from each other we improve the game.

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

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Theme Feast  
October 28 - 29, 2006

Shire of Bordergate  
Cold Lake, AB

Greetings to all of the populace of An Tir. Shire Border Gate (Cold Lake) would like to invite you to our Annual Theme Feast. This year's theme is "A Feast Their Excellencies Vik and Inga Can Eat". Not only the Great Feast, we will be having a William Tell Prize Tourney and if enough interest a Heavy Prize Tourney (Heavies please bring a prize if you wish to participate).

The Event will be at the 784 Wing Association (5319 48th Ave Cold Lake AB). Follow the signs. Take your best route to Cold Lake, AB. Approaching from the South turn left on 50th Ave and an immediate left on 48th Ave. Approaching from the North turn right on 50th Ave and an immediate left on 48th Ave. Make another immediate left and go past the Court House. Parking is behind the Hall.

Event opens at 12:00 pm Oct 28/06  
and Closes at 12:00 am Oct 29/06.

12:00 pm Troll opens  
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Heavy Armour  
Inspection  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Heavy Tourney  
begins  
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm William Tell  
6:00 pm Feast (if Court, between 2nd  
and 3rd remove)

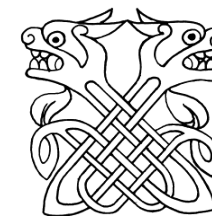
Cost is: \$ 5.00 for Site 5 yrs to Adult  
\$15.00 for Feast 12 years and Over  
\$ 7.50 for Feast 5 years to 11 years

NMS Fee of \$4.00 will be added for nonmembers.

Please make your Cheques Payable to CSCA Canton of the Lakelands

Reservations Close on October 23/06.

PLEASE NO OUTSIDE DRINKS



For more information or Reservations, contact the Autocrat Marina Caminante (Louise Johnson) 604 12th Street Cold Lake AB T9M 1A9 (780) 639-4963 [marinaca@telus.net](mailto:marinaca@telus.net)

Co-autocrat: Wentiliama (Wanda Edel) [vandw@telusplanet.net](mailto:vandw@telusplanet.net)

Merchants welcome (NO FEE)

## Ferret's Feast October 21, 2006

## Shire of Valleywold Moose Jaw, SK

The Shire of Valley Wold, mundanely Moose Jaw, SK, Canada, invites the Knowne World to attend Ferret's Feast. The event is being held the 21st of October, A.S. 41 (2006) The site will open at 9:00 in the morning and run all day. The event is being held at the Community Hall in Tuxford, SK. No Street address, but there will be signs showing the way to the site.

There will be tourneys to determine the next Shire Champions of Sword and Rapier. The tourneys will run one after the other, starting with the Champion of Rapier being held at 12:00. The Champion of Swords tourney will run 1/2 hour after the finish of the Rapier tourney.

The Autocrat for the event is Robert of Caithness, mka Robert Michael Bartlett.  
Mail: 313 Main St. S.  
Moose Jaw SK S6H 4V8  
E-mail: tyger@sasktel.net  
Phone: 1 (306) 694-5256

The fee for the event is \$10.00 / person. This includes the feast in the evening.  
Children under the age of 14 will be \$6.00  
Site fee is \$3.00  
The NMS of \$4.00 will be added to the feast cost only for non-members.

Please make all cheques payable to MJSCA.  
Feastocrat for Ferret's Feast is Lady Mora of Lincolnshire. Use the above contact information for the feastocrat.

The Menu for Ferret's Feast

1st Remove.  
Beef and Bacon Sausages  
Assorted Nuts, fruits, and veggies.  
Bread with Crabapple Butter  
Devilled Eggs

2nd Remove.  
Soup. My Lady hasn't decided what kind yet.  
Salad with Apple-Raspberry  
Balsamic Vinegar Dressing  
Torte made with Beef and assorted  
Game meats

3rd Remove.  
Roast Pork and gravy with  
Rhubarb-Raisin Chutney  
Scalloped potatoes au gratin  
Steamed carrots with honey and  
cinnamon glaze

4th Remove.  
Pumpkin pie with whipped cream  
Lemon Meringue Pie.

If you have an allergies please contact the Autocrat / Feastocrat

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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.

- 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?
- 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 - Brother Selwynn  
(brother-selwynn@shaw.ca)  
mka: Lance Blades



Eadwine of Canterbury's self-portrait in the  
Canterbury Psalter, c. 1150 AD

For the wee lads and lassies...

## A Scary Tale for You (from Morgan ap Hugh)



Variations of this story have been around since the Middle Ages.  
Happy Samhain!!

Two young sisters lived with their parents in a small house on the edge of town, and their bedroom window overlooked the town cemetery.

One night, the older girl asked her sister if she'd seen the funeral the day before.

"No." said the youngster, "who was it?"

"Old Mrs. Leary." said the girl, "but I don't think she's really dead. I think she was buried alive."

"What?!" cried her sister.

"The dirt on her grave keeps shifting and moving. Don't you see it? I think she's trying to get out."

"That's silly. You're making this up to scare me."

"No, I'm not." said the older girl. She often played pranks on her sister, and could tell that this one was beginning to work.

"If you don't believe me, take one of the stakes from mother's garden, and drive it into the grave."

The little girl didn't want to do it, but she wanted to prove that she was brave. Dressed only in her nightgown, she went to the graveyard clutching a wooden stake from her mother's garden.

She didn't return all night. Her sister was very worried, and didn't sleep a wink.

In the morning, she confessed to her parents what had occurred the night before, and they all rushed to the graveyard.

Lying there on the old lady's grave was the young girl, a look of mortal terror on her face.

The garden stake was driven firmly into the dirt, through the hem of her nightgown.

The ground around her was churned up from her desperate attempts to get away.

The thought that Old Mrs. Leary had reached up to grab her had frightened the poor child to death.

— submitted by Lord Morgan ap Hugh, Sigelhundas

## A&S Auction at November Coronet

As November Coronet approaches, it's time again to think about the A&S Travel Fund Auction. This is a fundraiser in support of the Principality Travel Fund, which helps get the Prince and Princess to events all across Avacal.

There are three ways to support the auction: donate your work, bid on items, or do both.

If you'd like to donate, please contact HL Geis of Ravensrift, who will make sure that there are bidding sheets ready for all the items on the day of the event, and will be onsite organizing as well. You can bring your items the day of the event, give them to HL Geis ahead of time, or send them with a friend. It doesn't matter as long as they get here.

If you'd like to bid, come to November Coronet. Some items will be silent auction bids, while the really big, cool stuff will go to live auction in the evening. Come prepared--we take cash or cheques (sorry, no credit cards, sheep, or first-born sons...well, maybe if they're really handsome).

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# AVACAL CALENDAR

October		
7	<b>Myrgan Wood Anniversary *</b>	<b>Myrgan Wood</b>
21	<b>Ferret's Feast</b>	Valley Wold
28	<b>Theme Feast</b>	Border Gate
November		
04	Pirate's Tavern	Sigelhundas
25	<b>Coronet Tourney *</b>	Borealis
December		
9	<b>Yule Feast *</b>	Borealis

*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\*\*\*\**

**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.

**Avacal Seneschal:** The Seneschal is the legal representative of a branch. Seneschals sign all contracts, make sure that things are done pursuant to the restrictions of all modern laws, corpora and kingdom law, work with the chatelaines to handle all public relations, and normally conduct the business meetings/curia. The seneschals coordinate the branch officers.

### Reminder—branch reports are due Oct. 15th!!

#### Online report forms are available for the following offices:

Chatelaine:

[http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/chat\\_files/chat\\_branch\\_report.html](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/chat_files/chat_branch_report.html)

Seneschal:

[http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/sen\\_files/sen\\_branch\\_report.html](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/sen_files/sen_branch_report.html)

Marshal:

[http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/earl\\_mar/earl\\_mar\\_branch\\_report.htm](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/earl_mar/earl_mar_branch_report.htm)

Rapier Marshal:

[http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/rap\\_mar/rap\\_mar\\_branch\\_report.html](http://www.avacal.antir.sca.org/officer/rap_mar/rap_mar_branch_report.html)

Happy reporting :)

Raoul

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If you want to do both, see the above instructions. I'd particularly like to challenge all past and present A&S champions, whether shire, baronial, principality, or kingdom (that's you, Issabella) to donate items to the auction.

If you'd like any further information, please contact Ceis (that's me) at [bridgets@telus.net](mailto:bridgets@telus.net) or (780) 903-5056.

In service,

HL Ceis of Ravensrift, Avacal Minister of Arts and Sciences

Mka Bridget Stirling

## INTRODUCING THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO AVACAL!

Ever found yourself traveling through our splendid Principality wondering if there might be a better place to stop for lunch?

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Avacal can help! Or, at least, it will be able to help, once reviews have been written, and the guide has been published and sold as a fund-raiser for the Avacal Travel Fund.

You can help by submitting reviews and tips for places to eat, shop, rest, and play in Avacal. Please send us reviews for all those hidden treasures that you have found on or off the beaten track. Warnings of "don't stop here if you can avoid it" would also be handy, especially if you can note a better spot as well.

When you are traveling to upcoming events, please keep the Guide in mind, and jot down a few thoughts to send in to our editors. Submissions can be sent to either Her Excellency Hero the Responsible or myself. I look forward to reading your submissions!

Submissions Guidelines:

- ❁ Please keep entries reasonably brief and paragraph sized, including the relevant details (location, description, rates, etc.).
- ❁ Where relevant, please use a five-point scale for ratings.
- ❁ Please include mundane names for place names.
- ❁ Please include your SCA and mundane names, as well as contact information.
- ❁ A submission does not guarantee publication. Submissions will undergo editing prior to publication.

General wrinkles will be ironed out as we go for this first edition, so further information or more detailed guidelines may be posted in the future.

Lady Ann Fawkes  
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