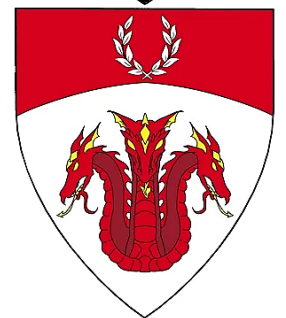
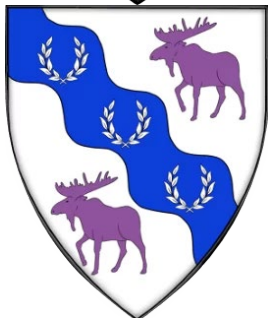
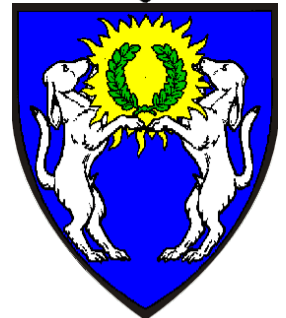
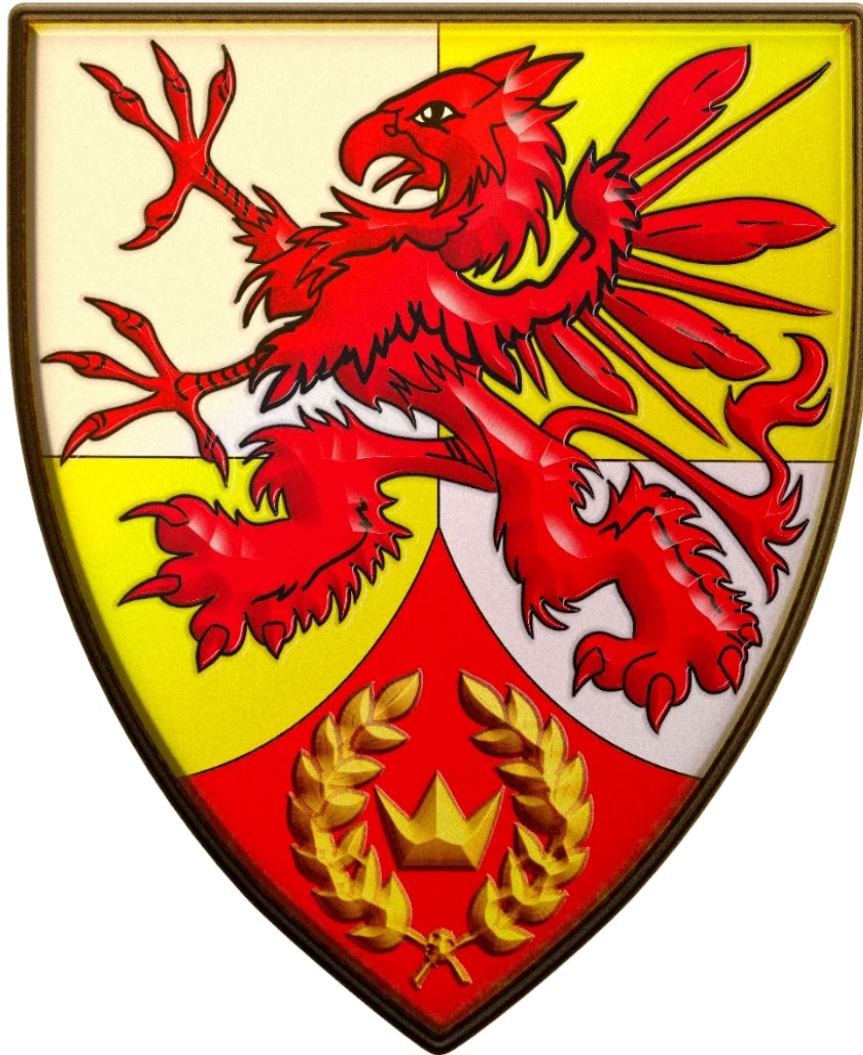
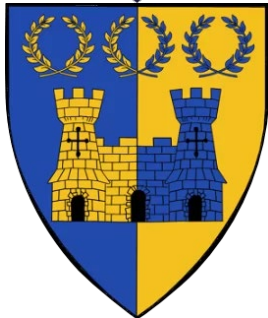


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KINGDOM OF AVACAL'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



TOGETHER WE CONQUER

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KINGDOM AND COURT

Happy summer good gentiles!

As we look forward to the upcoming summer months, we are faced with many an opportunity to explore various aspects of the SCA. Whether it be camping, outdoor cooking, or even stargazing, we encourage you to get outside this summer.

As for us, we are heading out of kingdom to represent Avacal at Pennsic War in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc (Pennsylvania) this summer. We would love to encourage any of our populace who may be interested in attending to pre-register and join us. A wonderful time is to be had!

Looking forward to September crown, we are eager to determine who will be the next heirs to the griffin thrones of Avacal. The event will take place during September long weekend, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone and are excited to share in a wonderful experience with all of you.

We wanted to take this moment to thank everyone who has so far contributed to our reign. We couldn't do half the things that we do without the help of attendants, guards, and retinue. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

In service to the dream,

John and Bailey
King and Queen



JOHN WERNARSSON
KING OF AVACAL



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AVACAL COURT REPORT



SPRING CORONATION MAY 17TH – 20TH 2024

Award of Arms



Tonegawa no Keiran

Michael of Montengarde

Order of Chivalry



Skane Tyrsson

Duchess



Kiera the Shadowed

Duke



Ellias Silver

Vigil for Order the Pelican



Svava Suanhuita

MAY DAYS MAY 25TH – 27TH 2024

Order of the Horn and Bow

Freydis Birthesdottir

AVACAL'S NEWEST KNIGHT!

Skane Tyrsson



KINGDOM CHAMPION OF
SWORD

HjalTI inn UndarligR Vikingr



KINGDOM CHAMPION
OF ARROW

Sylvie Tofadottir



KINGDOM OFFICER POSITIONS



AVACAL KINGDOM ARTS AND SCIENCE – SR. OFFICER POSITION

Are you passionate about historical crafts, skills, and technologies? Do you love exploring the rich tapestry of pre-17th century culture? Are you eager to foster the study of period arts, crafts, and methods for creating historically accurate artifacts? If so, we invite you to apply for the esteemed role of Arts and Sciences Minister in the Kingdom of Avacal!

Responsibilities:

- Reporting to the Society on behalf of the Kingdom: Report quarterly to the Society Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Promote Learning: Encourage and facilitate the study of period culture, technology, and artistic endeavors within our vibrant community.
- Support Creativity: Inspire artisans, scholars, and enthusiasts to delve into historical practices, share knowledge, and create beautiful works.
- Coordinate Activities: Collaborate with local branches, organize workshops, competitions, and A&S displays at events.

Qualifications:

- Passion for service to the people and the arts in Avacal.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Willingness to collaborate with fellow enthusiasts.
- Familiarity with the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) and its values.

Application Process:

- Interested candidates should email their letter of intent and relevant qualifications to Their Majesties of Avacal, and Viscountess Morrigan, OL, our current Arts and Sciences Minister, at artsci@avacal.org If you're ready to contribute to the vibrant cultural fabric of Avacal, we want to hear from you!



AVACAL SUBMISSIONS HERALD

We will be accepting applications until Jul 31, 2024. Please send your letter of application to the Kingdom Herald, Countess Sadb Jofreysdottir (herald@avacal.org); to Kingdom Exchequer, Lady Ruqayyah bint Abbas Al-Ifriqi (exchequer@avacal.org).

Ongoing training will be provided. Although knowledge of heraldry would be preferred, this is primarily an administrative position. This position takes approximately 15 hours each month and has several key deadlines.

The position specifically needs someone who:

- Can be warranted as an exchequer so they can handle the submission fees that are received both in person at the submissions table or through the mail
- Has a stable mailing address, reliable internet access, a computer, and a scanner capable of 300dpi.
- Has an excellent knowledge of computer programs like graphics program like MS paint, or Inkscape to create electronic submissions and MS Office. Has a working knowledge of Online System for Commentary and Response (OSCAR) and although this is preferred, however, equivalent programs like SAP or other data inputting systems are very similar.
- Knows how to create Kingdom Letters of Intent for Kingdom commentary and attend and run the monthly decision meeting. Produces decision letter to be posted on the Avacal Heraldic website and notifies submitters via OSCAR and/or email. Alternatively, would be willing to learn.
- Knows how to create Letters of Intent for society commentary and monitors for the publication of the Letters of Acceptance and Responses. Produces a monthly summary for the Avantgarde and notifies submitters via OSCAR and/ or email. Alternatively, would be willing to learn.
- Knows general heraldry or is willing to learn.

KINGDOM OFFICER POSITIONS



AVACAL SANGUINARIAS HERALD

We are seeking applications for the Office of Principal Herald of Avacal. My term as Sanguinarias Herald ends in July 2025. I would like to have time to train the next Principal Herald so the change over is smooth.

The Officer is both challenging and rewarding. You will coordinate and work with a great team of Heralds inside and outside our Kingdom.

The responsibilities of this office include:

- Kingdom officers are required to have active membership status with the Society.
- File quarterly reports from your officers and report them to Avacal Curia and the Society Herald, known as Laurel.
- Give good counsel to their Majesties and court regarding heraldic matters. This includes Kingdom awards, devices, precedence, ceremonies, information about the cultural aspects of the Society, and heraldic advice.
- Attend monthly decision meetings to determine the status of heraldic submissions.
- Recruiting and training new heralds is a way to grow the college and build a more significant knowledge base.
- Maintain a welcoming environment and abide by Society and Kingdom, laws and customs.

You are only expected to know and answer some questions but understand what resources are available and how to seek them out.

Please have a look at the Society Herald Admin Handbook for more questions: <https://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#X.A>

If you are interested in this challenging and rewarding job, please send an Email to herald@avacal.org and crown@avacal.org



AVACAL KINGDOM EARL MARSHAL – SR. OFFICER POSITION

The Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM) is a greater officer position within the kingdom who reports directly to the crown and their society counterpart. This is the person who is responsible for all combat across all disciplines in the kingdom (that's right! I am personally responsible, that's why I am such a PITA at times!).

The KEM receives and files reports to society, is responsible for filling any deputy positions in their office if they are unfilled, supporting combat related activities, and warranting of fighters and marshals. KEM bears responsibility for all combat in the kingdom happening within the rules of Avacal and most importantly safely. That's a big job, do you do it all yourself? Ha! God no, combat (all disciplines combined) is easily the largest activity in the SCA. I have a lot of talented people working behind the scenes to make sure that everyone can continue to have fun safely. I will try to showcase the deputies in the future.

What if I want to be a KEM? Well, you would have to apply like any other officer position. There are no rules stating that you need to be a Sr marshal or a fighter but any crown considering the applicants would consider that an asset.

Do you have to settle disputes? Yes, unfortunately not everyone agrees on everything all the time. Right now, the SCA is working on a new chain of command which I will update people on when it comes out. But essentially, I am the end of the command chain in Avacal before it goes to the BoD, it's super rare that it gets to me though. My deputies are amazing, so they handle most things.

There were some issues in other kingdoms about the KEM overriding marshals, is that something you can do? Well, sort of, if someone disputes something they can appeal to my office and I can override the decision, uphold it, or pick a third option depending on the laws of Avacal and the SCA. I have never had an issue with anyone taking it personally though. Like most jobs when dealing with people just don't be a di... *cough* jerk... and usually everyone is happy.

Can the KEM just decide who is authorized? Well yes and no, there was an issue a couple of years ago at an international war regarding this that I won't go into. The KEM can verify the authorization of a member of their kingdom and the lists take their verbal word as proof of authorization (there are consequences to lying so the KEM must have verified it in some way). The KEM or their deputy must sign off on all Sr marshals and may make Sr marshals in any discipline.

However, the KEM is not able to authorize a fighter if they are not a Sr marshal.

SOOO, why can they make anyone a Sr marshal but not authorize them? This power is given to the office so we can start new disciplines like Cut and Thrust where we have no Sr marshals, but someone needs to sign for them. Who is better than the person responsible for all marshals anyways?



KINGDOM OF AVACAL & SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS



John Fulton, who has led the SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism) through challenging times, is stepping down, and Bao Pham is taking over as the new president. Pham's tenure begins during Pride Month, and he emphasizes the SCA's commitment to inclusivity and creating a safer environment. He plans to focus on modernizing the organization while maintaining its historical recreation aspect. Pham aims to optimize processes, promote membership growth, and increase transparency within the SCA. He expresses dedication to fostering growth and prosperity within

the community.

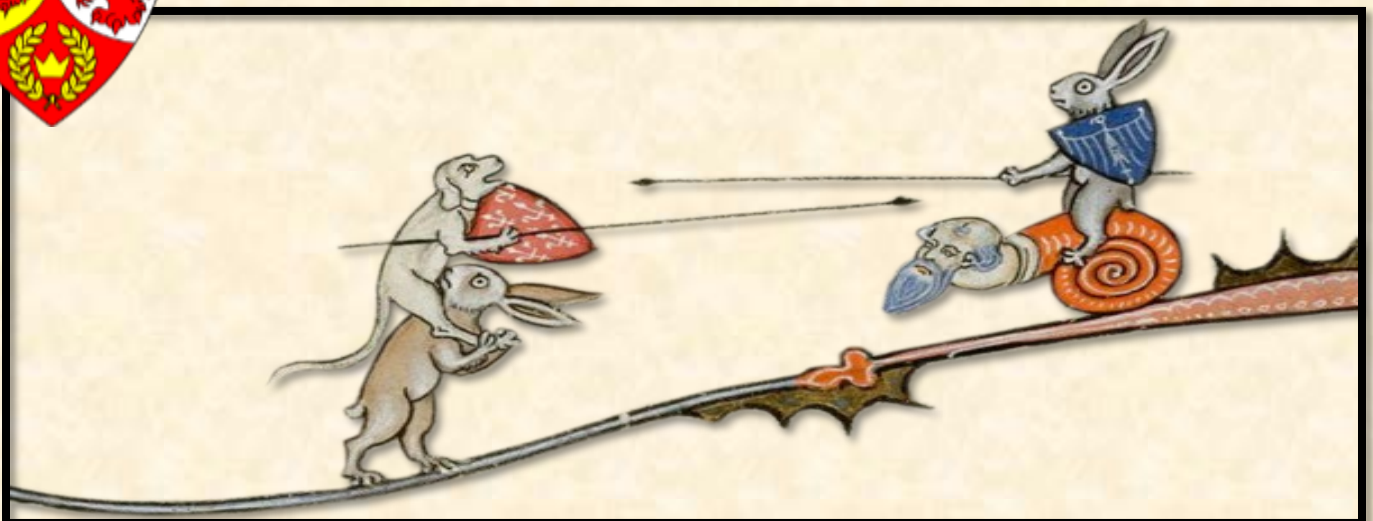
Read the article ['Words from the President, SCA Inc.'](#)

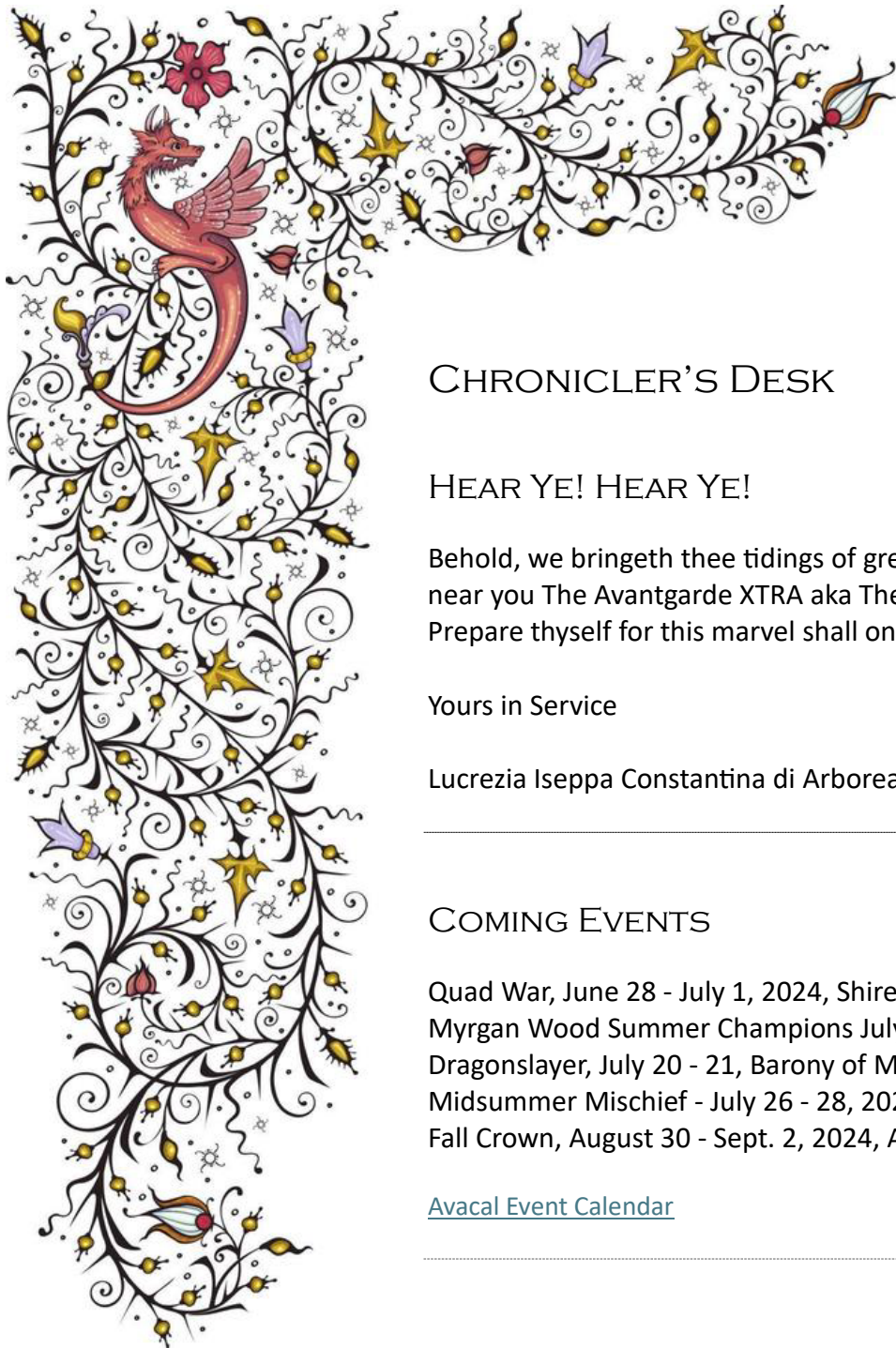
On June 5, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) Inc. held a conference call to discuss the possibility of creating a new peerage for various martial activities within the organization. The Board acknowledged the passionate opinions expressed by members and remained committed to finding a solution that would satisfy as many people as possible. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was passed to approve the addition of a "pre-17th century ranged martial pursuits" peerage to the organization's governing document, Corpora. The Board will now work with the Laurel Sovereign of Arms to develop a name and heraldry for the new Order. The Board expressed gratitude to those who have worked towards this decision and will provide further information on the process and timeline for the proposal.

Read the article ['New Peerage Approved Pending Name and Heraldry'](#)



The [May 2024 Spring Coronation Curia Notes](#) are now available for download.





CHRONICLER'S DESK

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Behold, we bringeth thee tidings of great joy! Coming this month to a website near you The Avantgarde XTRA aka The Fluffy Flyer will be making its debut! Prepare thyself for this marvel shall only be a mere click away!

Yours in Service

Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea

COMING EVENTS

Quad War, June 28 - July 1, 2024, Shire of Bordergate

Myrgan Wood Summer Champions July 5 – July 7, 2024, Barony of Myrgan Wood

Dragonslayer, July 20 - 21, Barony of Montengarde

Midsummer Mischief - July 26 - 28, 2024, Shire of Ayresgarde

Fall Crown, August 30 - Sept. 2, 2024, Avacal (Quad War Site)

[Avacal Event Calendar](#)

Do you have an event or a story, news, recipe, or a research article that needs to be shared? The Avantgarde and The Fluffy Flyer have room for your submission! If you would like to submit content, please email chronicler@avacal.org and include your SCA name with your submission. Also, linked below are the release forms that may need to accompany it. **Deadline for submissions is the 1st of every month.**

[SCA Model Release Form](#)

[SCA Creative Work Copyright Assignment/Grant of Use Form](#)

[SCA Photograph Grant of Use Form](#)



OFFICIAL AVACAL EVENT POSTINGS

QUAD WAR

When: June 28th – July 1st, 2024

Where: Quad War Site, 52°52'47.7"N 109°54'55.5"W

Price: \$40 (\$30 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: June 28th at noon to July 1st at noon

Event Stewards: Volchok Vikingson (viking1162@gmail.com) and Hamelin L'Archier (hamelin1066@gmail.com)

The Shire of Bordergate would like to invite one and all to participate in the quintessential medieval event of the year. Join in this historic event with some of the greatest battles ever fought. Many activities await to tantalize your senses: War scenarios, tournaments, bardic, A&S, Merchants' Row, and visiting with friends. See you there!

MYRGAN WOOD SUMMER CHAMPIONS

When: July 5th – July 7th, 2024

Where: Quad War Site, 52°52'47.7"N 109°54'55.5"W

Price: \$35 (\$25 with Membership)

Site Hours: July 5th at 5pm to July 7th at noon

Myrgan Wood's summer camping event where we will determine our next champions of Fencing and Missiles.

DRAGONSLAYER

When: July 20th – July 21st, 2024

Where: Balzac Community Hall, 10075, AB-566, Balzac, AB T4B 2T3

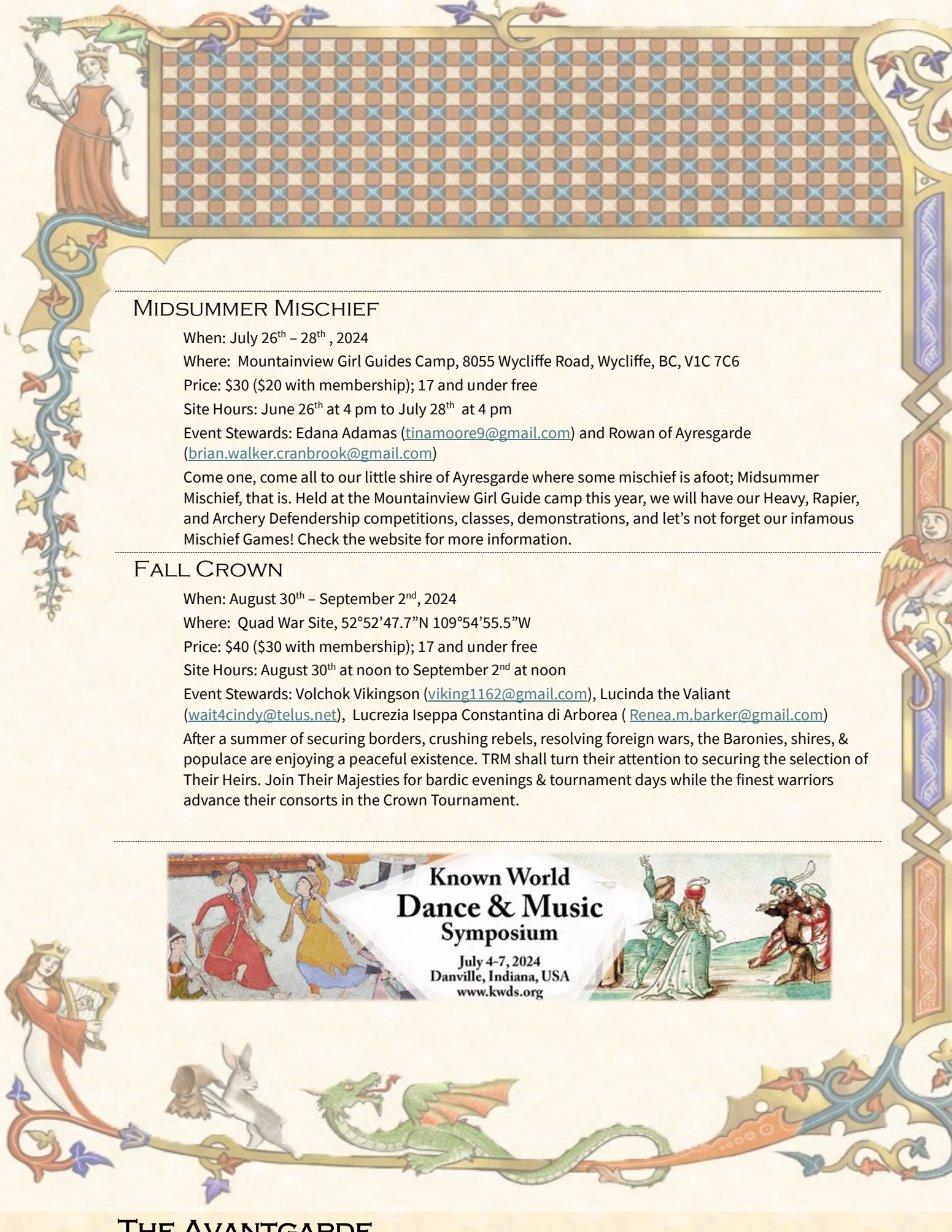
Price: \$35 (\$25 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: July 20th at 9 am to July 21st at 4 pm

Event Stewards: Baroness Adis Ulfsdottir (excellencies@montengarde.org) and Sigfuss Thorwulfsson (koreyw@live.com)

You are invited to Dragonslayer, Montengarde's Heavy and Archery Championship event. NO CAMPING this year. Enjoy a weekend away from the smoke, angry badgers, and itchy bugs! There will be fighting and smiting, Helga ball, Tablero, merchants, silly games, Bardic, and a whole day of fun activities on Sunday. Archery at alternate site TBA.

We may not be camping this year, but we always love to eat! We've decided to invite folk to show off their culinary skills by having a potluck. It's not just ANY potluck, though. Your challenge: bring the food that you wish Feast Stewards would actually serve at feasts! Please bring your own heating and serving supplies, as well as a list of ingredients for allergies.



MIDSUMMER MISCHIEF

When: July 26th – 28th , 2024

Where: Mountainview Girl Guides Camp, 8055 Wycliffe Road, Wycliffe, BC, V1C 7C6

Price: \$30 (\$20 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: June 26th at 4 pm to July 28th at 4 pm

Event Stewards: Edana Adamas (tinamoore9@gmail.com) and Rowan of Ayresgarde (brian.walker.cranbrook@gmail.com)

Come one, come all to our little shire of Ayresgarde where some mischief is afoot; Midsummer Mischief, that is. Held at the Mountainview Girl Guide camp this year, we will have our Heavy, Rapier, and Archery Defendership competitions, classes, demonstrations, and let's not forget our infamous Mischief Games! Check the website for more information.

FALL CROWN

When: August 30th – September 2nd , 2024

Where: Quad War Site, 52°52'47.7"N 109°54'55.5"W

Price: \$40 (\$30 with membership); 17 and under free

Site Hours: August 30th at noon to September 2nd at noon

Event Stewards: Volchok Vikingson (viking1162@gmail.com), Lucinda the Valiant (wait4cindy@telus.net), Lucrezia Iseppa Constantina di Arborea (Renea.m.barker@gmail.com)

After a summer of securing borders, crushing rebels, resolving foreign wars, the Baronies, shires, & populace are enjoying a peaceful existence. TRM shall turn their attention to securing the selection of Their Heirs. Join Their Majesties for bardic evenings & tournament days while the finest warriors advance their consorts in the Crown Tournament.



THE PENNSIC WAR

PENNSIC 101

Pennsic War is the annual dispute between the Middle Kingdom (who wears red duct tape to identify them) and the East Kingdom (who wears blue duct tape). Occasionally, we have a "purple war - the blend between red and blue" where the dispute is East and Middle Kingdom versus the Known World. Pennsic has been at [Coopers Lake Campground](#) since Pennsic 6 and this year will be Pennsic 51!

So, several Avacalians go to Pennsic every year and often it's a different group each time. Mostly new attendees with now more and more people returning to continue to enjoy the Known World's largest event. One devotee is HL Li Xia who is even part of Pennsic University planning for the fire/glass track. Ask around in your local area and you will probably have someone who has been. Alternatively, you can reach out to me at arwynofleicester@gmail.com or on the book of Faces.



View of the Pennsic War encampment. (Photograph by Erica Palmer)

So, what is it? Pennsic is a two-week long camping event. Some people only come for peace week, some only for war week, some for just the weekends. Peace Week goes from the first Friday to Thursday before the middle weekend where most merchants open limited hours and classes at the University have started. War Week goes from the Friday of the middle weekend until the end where the battles start on Sunday of the middle weekend and go until closing ceremonies on Friday. Any or part of Pennsic can be enjoyed!

What can I do? The list is endless! From the over 1500 classes at the University, to the performances at three stages, battles and shoots for war points along with so many specialized tournaments, period games tent (where you can play and learn new ones), middle eastern dance tent, European dance tent, heralds point where you can submit your items, Arts and Science Displays and of course the parties make up Pennsic. To help spend your pennies, we have over 175 merchants (including food restaurants) which is why some years shopping is a war point.

Lots of YouTube videos can help give you a [glimpse](#) of what Pennsic is like. Dream about one day you can come and party with the Known World!

YIS,

Dame Arwyn of Leicester, OL, OP
Avacal Pennsic Coordinator

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HISTORICAL GAMES



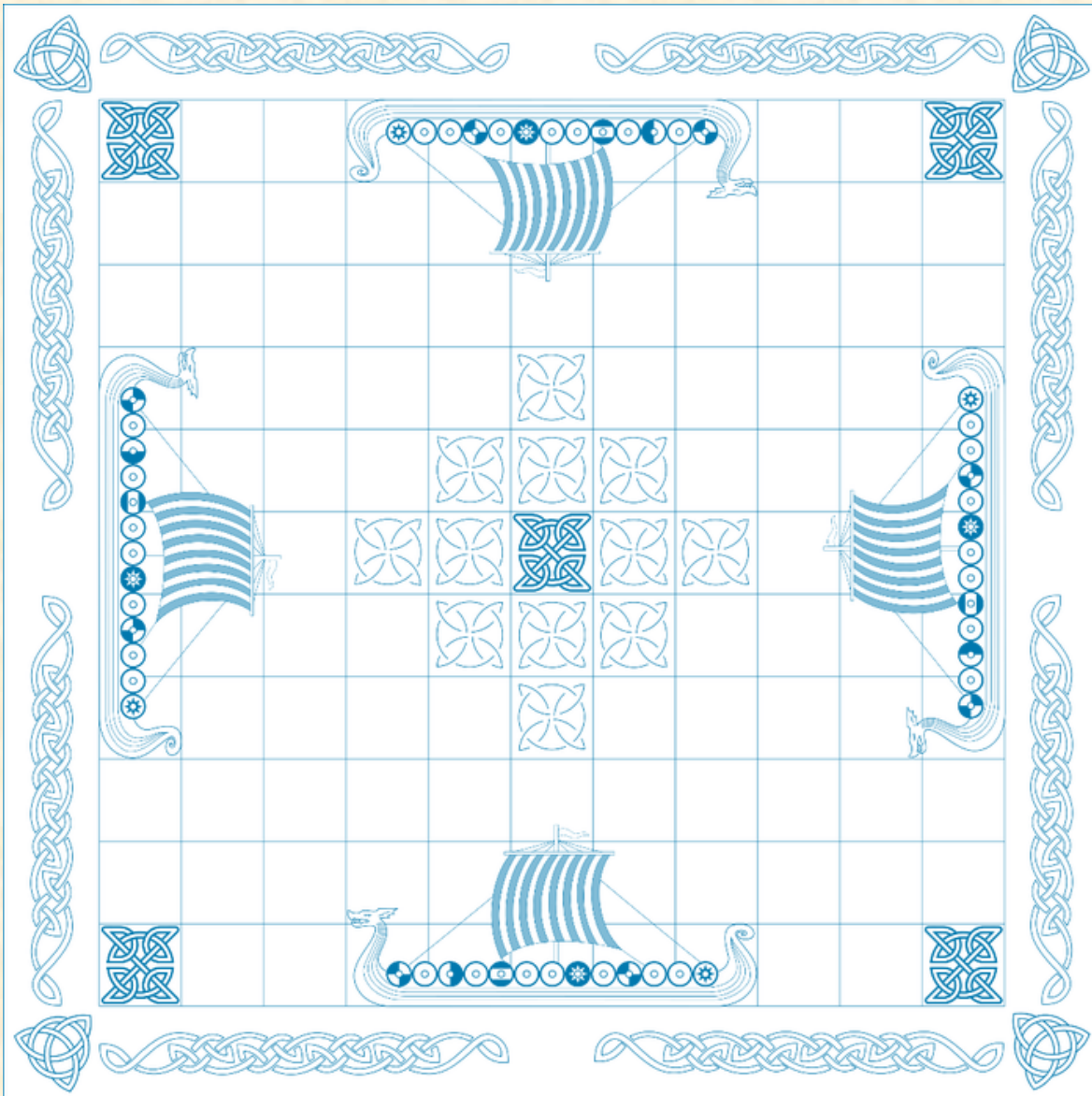
Hnefatafl, also known as The Viking Game, is an ancient strategic board game that originated in Scandinavia. The game is played on a square board divided into equal-sized squares. Here are the basic rules for Hnefatafl:

- I. Objective:
 - a. The defending side, consisting of the King and his defenders, aims to help the King escape to any edge of the board.
 - b. The attacking side, consisting of the enemy pieces, aims to capture the King.
- II. Setup:
 - a. The game is played on a board with a 9x9 or 11x11 grid.
 - b. The King piece starts in the center square (the throne) and is surrounded by his defenders.
 - c. The attackers are placed in a symmetrical pattern on the outer squares of the board.
- III. Movement:
 - a. All pieces move orthogonally (horizontally or vertically), but not diagonally.
 - b. The King and defenders can move any number of squares in a straight line.
 - c. The attackers can only move one square at a time.
- IV. Capturing:
 - a. A piece is captured if it is surrounded on two opposite sides by enemy pieces or the edge of the board.
 - b. The King can also be captured like any other piece, except at his throne.

HISTORICAL GAMES

- V. Special Rules:
 - a. The King can capture enemy pieces by trapping them between two of his defenders.
 - b. The attackers cannot occupy the throne square.
 - c. The King cannot leave the board - he can only escape through the edges.
- VI. End of the Game:
 - a. If the attackers capture the King, they win.
 - b. If the King reaches any edge of the board, the defenders win.

These are the basic rules of Hnefatafl, but variations of the game exist with slight rule differences. The game requires strategic planning and tactical maneuvers to succeed.



By.ThomasJ7

Lord Njall Vader
Barony of Montengarde

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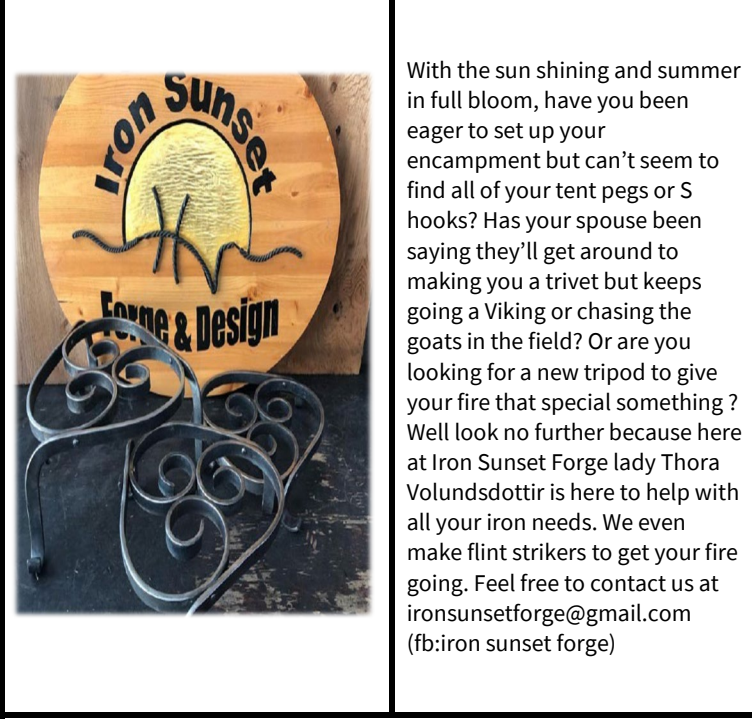
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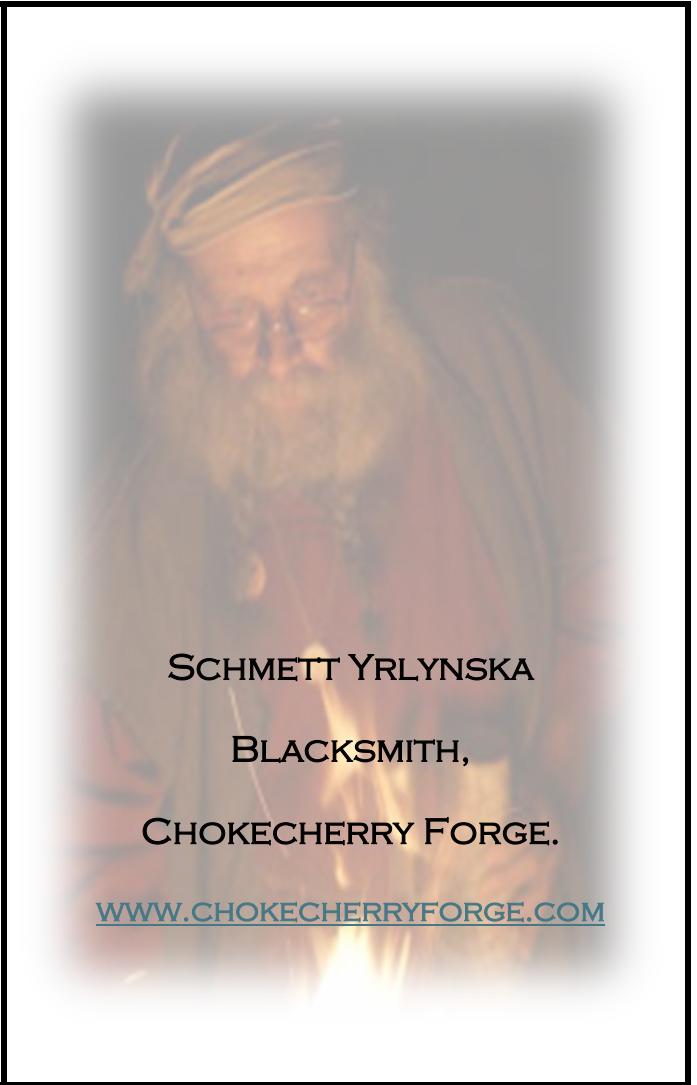
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