# THE FLUFFY FLYER



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# The Royal Missive

Greetings Unto our Most Fair Avacal.

As We take Our rest from this past weekend, We would once again like to congratulate all those who fought in Our Crown Tournament. The chivalry and honor you all showed, both on and off the field, was inspiring. We truly are blessed with the greatest kingdom in the Knowne World.

We are most pleased with Our Heirs, TRH Hrogn and Astrid, and know that the kingdom is in good hands once We step down.

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone to be kind to one another. In this crazy world, the only thing We can control is how We interact with each other. Please remember that in our interactions with one another, a little kindness is the greatest gift we can give one another.

We look forward to visiting everyone as We begin to count the final days of Our reign. We want to thank everyone who has helped Us in any way. It is because of you that We are able to do what We can. Your gift of service means the world to Us. Thank you.

Sultana A'isha and King Vik.



# AWARD RECIPIENTS



TE's Baron & Baroness of Montengarde 12<sup>th</sup> Night – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Medb Polestripper Geneviève Cadieux Drífa at lækjarmóti Rhiannon Quon Allert Pierson Celestino Van Brabant Lauren of Montengarde Sable Cinquefoil of Montengarde Champion of Rapier Champion of Arts and Science Dragon of Montengarde Emissary of the Minotaur's Chair Sable Drum Children of Saint Ferdinand

TRM's King Vik and Sultana A'isha Winter Crown 2025 February 15th, 2025

Melchor de Bazan
Hrogn Gunthersson
Ástríðr Arnbjarnardóttir
Arnsbjorn Tiernanson
Inga in hraustliga
Anna Maria de Salto
Offa of Sandesende
Amée Martin
Signe Smidja
Volchock Vikingsson
Cúán of Myrganwood
Kaydance Pardus

Award of Arms
Crown Prince
Crown Princess
Silver Griffin of Avacal
Silver Griffin of Avacal
Award of Arms
Award of Arms
Sable Flame
Argent Flame
Winged Lynx
Award of Arms
Sable Wing

# **Events**

### SKALD THE HALL

March 1, 2025

1108 Sutherland Hall Saskatoon, SK S7N 2H1

Myrgan Wood's Annual Skald the Hall event, 2025 edition! See our bardic championship, the LEGENDARY bard off, and enjoy a wonderful feast. More details as they happen.

Adult Event Registration - \$30 Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$20 Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

#### Feast Details:

Traditional Ukranian! 80-person cap for feast! Feast fee (adult) - \$25 Feast fee (youth, 12 - 17) - Free Feast fee (children, 0 - 11) - Free

Feast Steward: Tófa Váladóttir/Katherine Puttick and Kaitlyn of Myrgan Wood/Kate Crawford

There will be a lunch by donation, provided by the fantastic Hoshikawa Takakage (Andy Unruh)!



| The less<br>morning | 10:30 AM Fight Practice!     | Sunday March<br>2nd | 0:00 G  | 23:30 | 23:00                  | 22:30 | 22:00 | 21:30 | 21:00  | 20:30                    | 20:00 | 19:30                | 19:00 | 18:30 | 18:00 | 17:30 | 17:00    | 16:30                           | 16:00           | 15:30                     | 15:00                                    | 14:30 | 14:00 Be                                  | 13:30 | 13:00                                | 12:30 | 12:00 do                              | 11:30 | 11:00  | 10:30 | 10:00                                 | 9:30   | 8:00           | 8:00 Se    | Saturday<br>March 1st |
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|                     | ght Practice!                |                     | GO AWAY |       | Site Cl                |       |       |       |  |                          |       |                      |       |       |       |       |          | n                               |                 |                           |  |       | Youth<br>Championship<br>Begins 2PM       |       |                                      |       | Lunch by<br>donation!                 |       |  |       | Ope                                   |  |                | Setup Crew |                       |
|                     | CENTER Multi<br>Purpose Room |                     |         |       | Cleanup Commences 11PM |       |       |       | The state of the s | Extra Bard off if needed |       | Closing Co           |       |       |       |       | FEAST BE | Feast preparations, rearranging | GATE CL         | Bard Off<br>Begins 3:30PM | East Avacal<br>Ensemble<br>Begins 3:10PM |       |   |       |                                      |       | Bardic<br>Championship<br>Begins 12PM |       |  |       | Opening Court/Invocation of the Lists |  | GATE OF        | Onsite     |                       |
|                     | 10:30AM until<br>1:30PM      |                     |         |       | es 11PM                |       |       |       |  |                          |       | Closing Court 7:30PM |       |       |       |       |          | , rearranging tables            | GATE CLOSES 4PM |                           |  |       | Class 3: SCA Summer Eventing with Skald   |       | Class 2:<br>Embroidery<br>with Susan |       |                                       |       | Class 1:<br>Bowstrings with<br>Archos Robert |       | ation of the Lists                    |  | GATE OPENS 9AM | Preparing  |                       |
| MWIT                |                              |                     |         |       | Bar Closes!            |       |       |       |  |                          |       |                      |       |       |       |       |          | Ŗ                               |                 |                           |  |       | Queen's Tea<br>Begins 2PM in<br>main hall |       |                                      |       |                                       |       | Bar Opens!                                   |       | 10AM                                  | Coffee and non alchoholic drinks available at the bar! |                | Stuff      |                       |

# SKALD SCHEDULE

## **WINTER WAR**

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Co-op Place 4513 50<sup>th</sup> Ave Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 2\$1

Under the wise and stalwart leadership of Baron Amon and Baroness Sarah, the Barony of Borealis calls all its allies and rivals to the snowy fields of Winter War! With the chill in the air and fire in our hearts, it's time to sharpen blades, tune strings, and steady bows as we prepare to face our friends from Avacal and beyond.

War Points of Glory Event Steward: Camulius The Lost Viking Adult Event Registration - \$40 Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30 Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

Calling all A&S athletes! Your friendly neighborhood Arts and Sciences champion here!

At Winter War we will be hosting an arts and science triathlon! Working in teams of one to three (1-3) you will need to complete each leg of your triathlon before moving on to the next! Your first leg will be hand sewing a T-tunic for a doll(or stuffed horse! Who wants to make some horse pants?), from there, you'll be moving on to a mini tapestry weaving that needs to be at least 6 inches in length. After you complete that, your final leg will be an illuminated border page. The entries will be judged as one team and the barony in which the winner resides will receive the war point. I look forward to seeing everyone's entries in this fun triathlon adventure! If you have questions, feel free to contact me! See you all at Winter War!

YIS.

#### Countess Bailey Sadbsdottir



# FERRET'S FEAST

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Church of Our Lady 566 Vaugn Street Moose Jaw, SK S6H 6L3

Ferret's Feast is our annual event to find the successors for Arts and Sciences, Heavy Fighting and Rapier.

The Feast following will be a delicious spread of allergy friendly food. If you are interested, please send us your allergies/dietary requirements and we will let you know if we can accommodate them. Our menu will be planned around this.

Adult Event Registration - \$35 Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$25 Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

Event Steward: Robert of Caithness Feast Steward: Mora of Lincolnshire

Feast Fees TBA



## AVACAL GRAND TUA

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 University of Alberta – North Campus 2-29 Triffo Hall 116 Street and 84 Avenue Edmonton, AB T6G 2E1

Adult Event Registration - \$40 Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30 Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

The Barony of Borealis proudly welcomes you to The University of Avacal!

Their Majesties, King Vik and Queen A'isha, seek new champions of Bardic and Arts & Science, and invite Their populace to join Them for a full day of championships, classes, competitions, and merriment.

Instructors of all disciplines are welcomed - both from afar and from within Avacal's borders. Please contact HL Sicillia to add your class to the roster.

#### Feast Details:

Although a feast will not be held, arrangements are being made for a group reservation at a nearby restaurant(s). Arrangements are also being made for Regional Practice. Please stay tuned for further details.

The Central Academic Building is located on the east side of the Main Quad, centralized on North Campus, and is accessible by LRT and bus. There are various parking lots and there are many hotels located within 2km.

There will be a limited number of merchant spaces available. Please contact HL Jehannette de Brie to register as a merchant for this event.

We invite you to participate in our Largesse Competition at TUA! To enter, you only need to provide 3 items. This year's theme is "Kits and Consumables," so think about starter or survival kits (like 3 Armour Repair Kits, Event Steward Essentials Bags, Beginner's Scribal Kits, or Newcomer's Feast Sets) or consumables (such as 3 packs of homemade candles, 3 bottles of your tasty brew, 3 jars of herbal remedies, or 3 bags of shelf-stable campfire soup mixes). Everyone who enters will receive a prize, with rankings determined for all participants. The first-place winner selects their prize first, with the remaining two pieces shared between the hosting Barony and our Kingdom. This process continues for second and third place until all prizes are claimed. Please label your items clearly with descriptions, ingredients, allergen alerts, and your name and location, as our Royals and Populace travel far and wide, showcasing our Kingdom's generosity throughout the Knowne World!

If you're wondering about multiple entries, you can definitely enter more than once! There are no restrictions on the number of entries, but we encourage quality over quantity. Take the time to craft your gifts well, as each entry will be judged individually.

For example, if you create 48 candles divided into 16 entries of 3 candles, those may be judged against a complete Newcomer's Kit. If you can't attend TUA but still want to contribute, you may send your entries with a trusted representative who can deliver them and assist with prize selection on your behalf. Your participation is welcome, regardless of location. If you have questions or need assistance with ideas, feel free to reach out to me or HL Lucinda the Valiant, Largesse Coordinator for Their Majesties.

Yours In Service,

Sicillia BeaumontBorealis Chamberlain and Largesse Coordinator

Best Dressed Teddy Bear Contest!

We are hosting a Best Dressed Teddy Bear Contest! In the spirit of fun, We shall have a contest for The Best Dressed Teddy Bear (or bear-friend). Two prizes will be awarded for The Best Dressed Stuffed Animal! One will be selected by the populace and the second We are inviting the Roses and LoVEs to vote for their favorite!!

All entries will be donated to Avacal's Children's Largesse.

I can't wait to see what Our populace creates!!

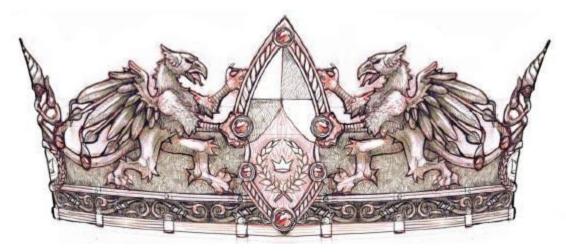
Sultana A'isha



## **AVACAL SPRING CORONATION**

#### CELEBRATING OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

May 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Benalto, Alberta, TOM 0H0 52°18'22.4"N 114°16'48.2"W



Come full circle to where we first started as a kingdom 10 years ago! At the site of Avacal's first Crown Tournament and first Coronation, join us for an exciting weekend of celebrating our Past, Present, and Future!

#### Feature Celebrations:

- Coronation of the Kingdom Heirs at the same spot where our first King and Queen accepted that mantle
- Tournaments to determine the next Kingdom Archery and Armoured Combat Champions
  - Feast! A spectacular festive array of traditional street fair foods
- Celebration of our newcomers and guests
- Plus, Classes, Rapier, Bardic, and so much more!

Adult Event Registration - \$40 Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30 Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

Event Steward: Alysa Harron - brimmy\_san@yahoo.com

#### Feast Details:

Join us for an evening of culinary delights!

More details including menus will be posted to the Facebook event and website soon!

Feast fee (adult) - \$15

Feast fee (youth, 12 - 17) - \$15

Feast fee (children, 0 - 11) - \$15

Feast Steward: Jaspaul Sandhu - jaspaul.yuva@gmail.com

# MAY DAYS

May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Grassy Lake Municipal Campground 310 Chapman Avenue Grassy Lake, Alberta, TOK 0Z0

Event Steward: HL Freydis Birthesdottir

With the thawing of the lands and the new growth blossoming, we gather or mighty archers and talented bards to herald in the spring! Come gather with our tiny shire and find our new defenders and spend time with great friends!

Adult Event Registration - \$30 Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$20 Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

For camping sites that are not in the group area (power, water, sewer), please contact the campground directly to make arrangements.



# AVACAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Quad War Site - 52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W Marsden, SK

The Kingdom of Avacal is turning 10 years old and to celebrate we are combining two of our standard calendars weekend events with a mid week Anniversary event to make one big 10-day celebration of Avacal.

One of the oldest and most attended events Avacal is Quad War. It has been a destination location and event within Avacal for a very long time. With Myrgan Wood Summer Champions always the immediate weekend after Quad, it has given Avacal the opportunity to host a 10-day event for Avacal 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will be hosting visitors, teachers and Royals from all over the Knowne World to join our celebration.

Please join us over this 10-day event and participate in all that Avacal has to offer!

Adult 10 Day Event Registration - \$110 (\$100) Adult Quad 1st Weekend Registration - \$30 (\$40) Adult Week of Avacal Registration - \$90 (\$100) Adult MWSC 2nd Weekend Registration - \$30 (\$40) (Adult Member Discount Event Registration) Youth Registration (0-17) - \$0

#### MORE DETAILS TO COME!



# ARTS & SCIENCES

# A Norse and Saxon Stitch Sampler

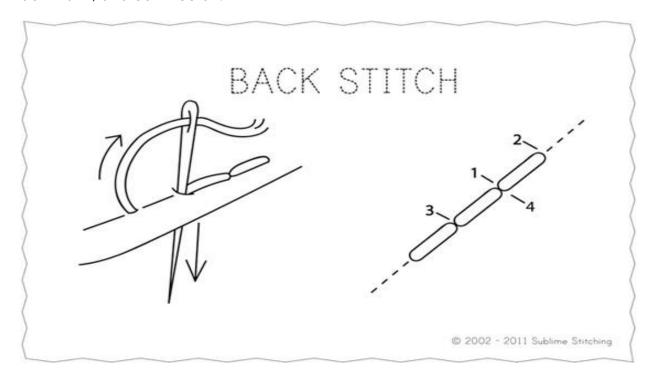
# A tutorial of seven stitches used for embroidery

# By Mistress Ellisif

Quick notes: This class covers a common SCA practice – embroidery on Norse garments. This is not a highly evidenced base practice. The stitches covered are found in the Viking Age and on Norse or Saxon things, but not all are found on clothing. The most commonly found stitches in Viking Age garments are running stitch and overcast or whip stitch. We won't be covering these two stitches as these are construction stitches vs embroidery or decorative stitches. Some of the decorative stitches included here can also be used as seam finishes for edges or hemming stitches.

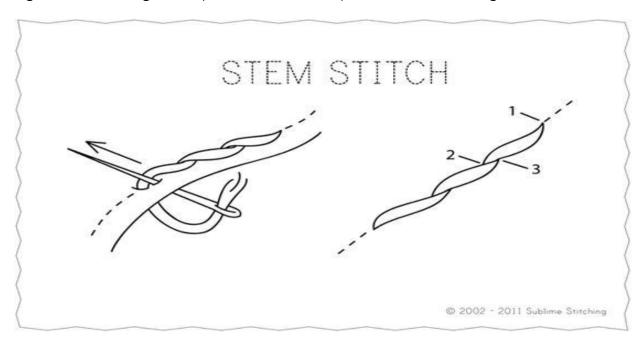
## 1. Backstitch

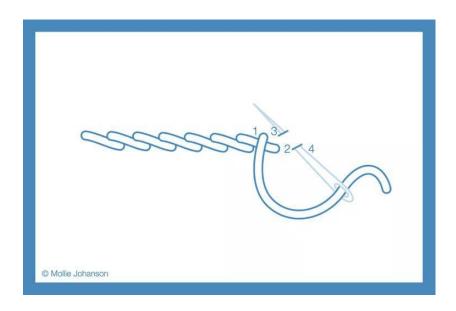
This stitch is used extensively throughout the Middle Ages but for our purposes it's found in the Viborg man's shirt dated to the 11th century. Worked by placing small stitches in rows and is excellent as an outlining stitch and can be used in construction. In the diagram below, you come up from the back of your fabric at 1, down at 2, up at 3, down at 4, and continue on.



# 2. Stem Stitch

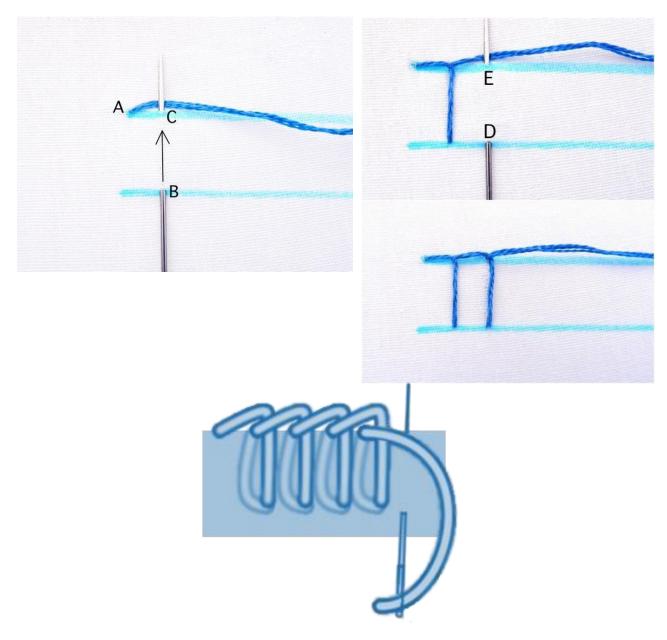
Used in the Viking Age on the Mammen find, specifically on a shirt and a cloak. Another great outlining stitch. When used on curves, the smaller the smaller the stitch, the neater the finished look. I have included it going both from working right to left and left to right. Again, in both diagrams, up at 1, down at 2, up at 3, and continuing on.





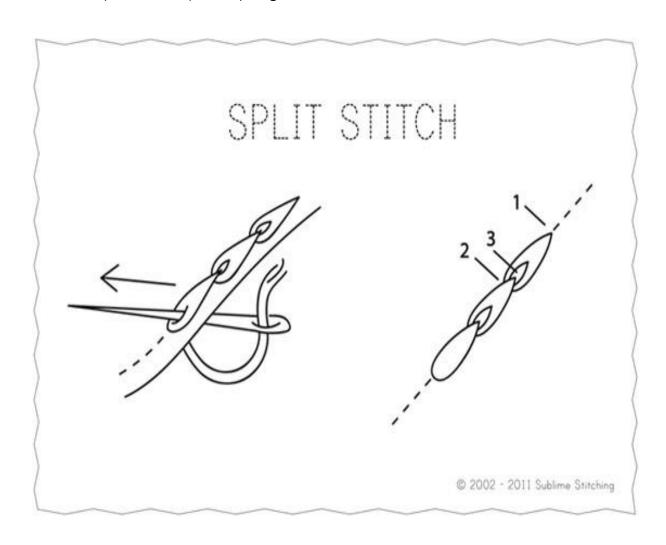
### 3. Blanket Stitch

From the Viking Age, we have an ornamental band finished with blanket stitch and from the bronze age, we have multiple textiles finished with this stitch. This can be used both to keep edges from fraying as well as a decorative stitch. The stitch is created by bringing the needle up from the back of the fabric at A, going into the front of the fabric at B, coming up from the back at C, keeping the thread behind the needle to create a loop, pulling taut and continuing on to go down at D, up at E with thread behind needle. If done to keep an edge from fraying, imagine the top line (where A and C are on the diagram) as your unfinished edge. First, insert your needle at the back of your fabric, very close to the edge, then down at B, but you don't have to come through the fabric at C, just bring your needle to the edge and keep the thread behind it. The third diagram below demonstrates this.



# 4. Split Stitch

Split Stitch can be found on Saxon garments on the Middle Ages and in the 11th century it was used in the Bayeux Tapestry. It is worked a lot like back stitch and is an excellent outline or fill stitch. It can be used both in construction and embellishment. In the diagram below, you come up from the back of the fabric at 1, down at 2, and up at 3 to split the thread. This stitch can also be worked with two strands of a thinner thread and when you come up at 3, you go between the two threads.



# 5. Chain Stitch

From the Viking Age we have chain stitch used to mend a hood in Orkney, and it appears in the Bayeux Tapestry as well. It is mostly used as a decorative stitch and mostly for outlining. Starting with thread at the back of your fabric, you come up at A, down at A again, up at B keeping the thread behind the needle at B to form a loop of the chain, and continue down at B again, up at C with thread behind the needle.





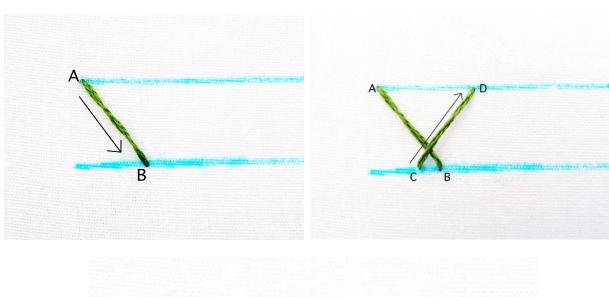


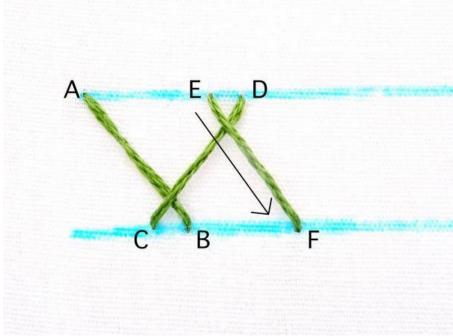




# 6. Herringbone Stitch

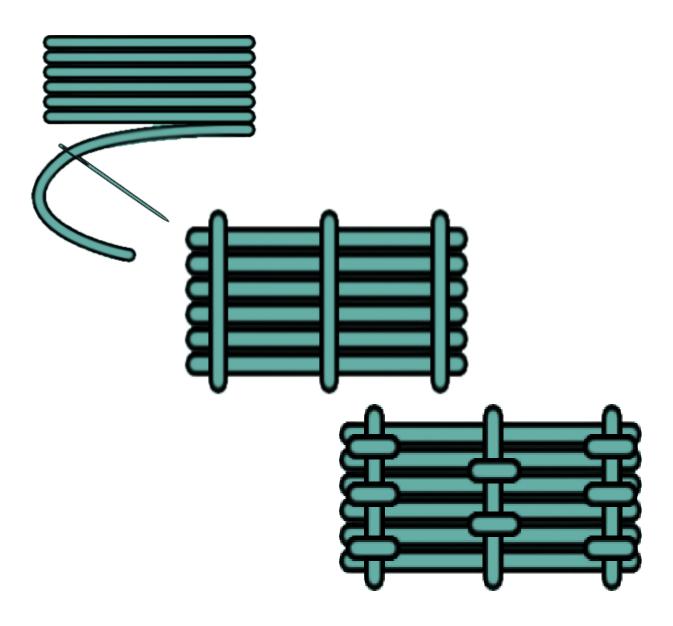
Herringbone is used in the SCA as a primarily decorative stitch, but it can also add strength to seams and for most of the period finds on herringbone we find the decorative crosses on the inside of the object. We have examples from the Viking Age in York or Jorvik on a silk pouch and in the Mammen find on a pillow. In the SCA, it is not unusual to find herringbone stitch done double or tacked, woven, or twisted for decoration. We will outline just the basic herringbone stitch here. In the diagram below, from the back of the fabric, we come up at A, down at B, up at C, down at D, Up at E, down at F, and continue on. I often mark something handy (like my thumb or finger) with the distance between A and D so my stitches stay consistent.





# 7. Bayeux Stitch

Used extensively on the Bayeux tapestry as a filling stitch. The shape should first be outlined in another stitch, such as stem or back stitch. The space is then filled with the Bayeux Stitch, which starts as essentially a satin stitch where we fill the space with rows of stitching, going from one edge of your outline stitches to the other edge across the design. Then you do a row of stitches perpendicular with spaces in between – like a couching stitch, these are there to hold or anchor the first row down. Then you stitch little bars across that couching stitch to secure it as well. This finishes the stitch and makes it so the long stitches are less likely to catch on things.



# Kingdom News & Announcements

# Your Sultana seeks your help!

Part of one of the perks of being Royalty is giving out awards. But we love to give a beaded necklace with each one. Be it for an AoA, Grant Level or anything in between. I remember getting my first necklace for my AoA from Rorik Gunnarson. I cherished that necklace given to me by a King!

Right now Our Royal Stores are low on these types of necklaces. These are a great largesse item! If you are wanting to contribute in a small way, please consider making some of these to help replenish what We are giving away.

Thank you! Sultana A'isha

## Avacal Travel Fund



Sienna Jacobsen has created stunning posters of Avacal which were inspired by vintage national park posters. They are 11 x 17 and can be purchased for \$20 Canadian – all funds are being donated to the Avacal Travel Fund.

To purchase a poster, please contact Mistress Gwen MacFergus at an event near you!

# **Avacal Online Auction**

The Avacal Online Auction is kicking off soon! We are accepting donations. Connect with Duke Kvigr (Jeremy Bell) or myself, Duchess Svava, with items you wish to contribute. Please provide item name, description and photo, donor name, and minimum bid. Thank you Avacal!

Reach out if you wish to be added to the Avacal Auction page to score some of the fantastic items that come through!

YIS Duchess Svava, OP

# AVACAL CURIA – WINTER CROWN– FEBRUARY 16, 2025 – BEISEKER, AB

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# Attendance:

| SCA Name                 | Office                      |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vik                      | King                        |
| Aisha                    | Queen                       |
| Hrogn                    | Prince                      |
| Astrid                   | Princess                    |
| Renee                    | Seneschal                   |
| Roxanne                  | Contingency Seneschal       |
| Medb                     | Ayresgarde deputy seneschal |
| Arjun Singh              | Populace                    |
| Amya Mavros              | Baroness MW                 |
| Alexios Mavros           | Baron MW                    |
| Asney                    | DEI Officer                 |
| Ayame Houjou             | Seneschal MW                |
| Arwyn of Leicester       | Sanguinarius Herald         |
| Jacinda Johnsdottir      | Seneschal Valley Wold       |
| Kottr Hraffnas           | Populace                    |
| Ulrich Vonknes           | Populace                    |
| Svava Suanhuita          | Kingdom Lists               |
| Kvigr Ivarsson           | Kingdom Chamberlain         |
| Constantina              | Kingdom Chronicler          |
| Refr Bjarnarson          | Baron Montengarde           |
| Adis Ulfsdottir          | Baroness Montengarde        |
| Raoul Delaroche          | Kingdom Rapier Deputy       |
| Ellisif Snorradottir     | New Branches Deputy         |
| Amon Brennan             | Baron Borealis              |
| Sarah of Tarragon        | Baroness Borealis           |
| Gwen MacFergus           | Calendar                    |
| Jakob Roriksson          | Sigelhundas Herald          |
| Volchok Vikingsson       | Bordergate Seneschal        |
| Allert Pierson           | Montengarde Rapier Deputy   |
| Sicillia Beaumont        | Populace                    |
| Fergus                   | KEM                         |
| Hoshikawa Takakage       | MW Exchequer                |
| Kaydance Pardus          | Deputy Kingdom Exchequer    |
| Tofa Valadottir          | MW Social Media             |
| Robert Boniface          | Kingdom Archery Deputy      |
| Dolce Machiavelli        | Sandeshend Seneschal        |
| Sylvie Tofadottir        | Populace                    |
| Cuan                     | Populace                    |
| Ademas Donedei di Pietro | Vinjar Seneschal            |
| Bjar                     | White Rabbit Deputy         |

| Call to order: _10:05  |
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| Land Acknowledgement -   |
| Presentation and approval of previous minutes from November 17, 2024 No changes. |
| Motion to approve as written:Jacinda   |
| Seconded:Gwen  |

#### Words from the Crown

Thanks for all that you do. Being an officer is important. Our expectation is that you understand your job and that you are doing what you need to do to keep the kingdom running

#### Words from the Royal Highnesses

Going forward what some of the officers have has is that some people feel that they should know what they are doing but they don't and possibly get too into a problem before asking for help. Please ask early ask anyone ask us

#### Kingdom Seneschal: HL Renee Carr

I am pleased to announce that Christine Fehr//Duchess Asney will be our first Kingdom DEIB officer. As there is no Society Officer at this time, Her Grace will report to the Kingdom Seneschal.

Our membership numbers have decreased slightly from 420 to 414.

Ayresaarde 7

Bitter End 2

Bordergate 6

Borealis 114

Montengarde 93

Myragardr 4

Myrgan Wood 78

Sandeshen 12

Sigelhundas 46

Valley Wold 5

Vinjar 17

Wyndwyrm 6

King's Land 30

AVACAL 420

The polling carried out in Montengarde was successful, the Baron and Baroness will continue for 2 more years.

I have not heard back from the BOD concerning Bitterend. They will remain in abeyance until the BOD hands down its decision.

Just a reminder the Chronicler cannot publish Events if they are not published by Calendar first. I will not override this, so please ensure your event forms are sent to Calendar in a timely manner. The chronicler needs the copy by the first of the month to put it in the Avantgarde

Seneschals – please read the laws. You are the legal representative of your group. You need to ensure that you follow mundane law and Avacal laws. There is a form on the website for your reports, please use it. If you are having trouble, contact the web minister.

#### Deputy Seneschal - New Branches: Mistress Ellisiff

A quick thank you to all the officers and volunteers working in their area to encourage recruitment and retention.

Sandeshend (sands-end) is still doing well, reporting properly and on time. Things are quiet otherwise but the gentle in Drayton Valley is still hoping for a demo once spring arrives so I will stay in contact and make sure they are in touch with the right folks to help out.

Deputy Seneschal – Events: Maistir Segdae Ua Faelain September Crown has been awarded to Bordergate at Quad Site November Coronation has been awarded to Myrgan Wood

Deputy Waivers: Brother Selewine

No report

William asked if there was an update on his question as to whether or not electronic storage of waivers is acceptable. Renee will connect with society to find out.

Calendar: Mistress Gwen

Update – cancellation for summer event for Ayresgarde – variance granted. Things happen as they happen.

#### Representative to SCA Canada Study Group: Baron Alexios

Communicating and clarifying confusion at various level. Group exploring if Cdn Canada is necessary. Information once in hand will be distributed to all kingdoms and then determine. Currently all 6 kingdoms are on board and will have official deputy seneschals.

This is stemming from difficulties with Ealdormere & CRA. SCA lawyers will then share some of the information that is confidential and can't further share but will share what can. Once there is an informed recommendation, kingdoms will decide what path to pursue and the working group may transition into implementation of kingdoms' decision. Gameside should not change.

Q: There is a desire to separate at the border. Is there any commentary on this? BoD is aware but doesn't want to push Canada out but supports if Canada wants. Now the focus is to process legal documents to determine what the situation is.

People should communicate clearly or send questions to him. Want to be clear about what's happening and not happening. Input will be needed from subject matter experts if this goes into implementation phase.

The point and directive of this work is financial & legal compliance with Canadian Law.

Deputy Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Countess Asney

On day 1... there has been a misunderstanding that the DEI office is about seeking out harassment cases and that is not what this is. We want to create an environment of welcoming for people for all people and their flavour of SCA.

Renee – harassment cases come to the Kingdom Seneschal.

Avacal Advocacy Council:

No report

Kingdom Web Minister & Social Media: HL Roya

No report – TMs reported that there has been discussion about a few changes to the website. She is stepping down and does have a replacement (sometime this summer). She has done a remarkable job.

Kingdom Exchequer: (Lady Ruquayyah)

No report

Chamberlain: Sir Kviar

Nothing new to report. Everything transferred. Connecting with THs to see what they want to take. How do go about spending money on nicer kingdom tabards for external wars? Inga moves that we spend no more than \$500 on a tabard for 2 tabards for the Crown. Seconded by Maedb. Passed.

Storage unit has been renewed for another year with receipt submitted and reimbursement is in the works.

Bitter End regalia will be returned to the kingdom through Inga for historical storage.

We need to think about what to do with some of the historical items of the kingdom. There is quite a bit of material. It would be nice to display a history table at winter coronation. There will be one at 10 year & winter coronation. Items can be individually assessed at that time as to whether or not they need to be kept. Some of those could be auctioned if individuals would like to own them.

TUA is in Edmonton as is the storage unit. This process might be able to start at that

event. Note that this indicates a change in the expectations of the chamberlain office.

Non-member surcharge: Mistress Dezzrianne

Roxanne reported that she and Dezz meet monthly to send this and we have a process that makes this work, although it isn't always easy for the staff at TD.

Arwyn, asks if we can send a pre-payment once per year like we do for Heralds. The Exchequer of the heralds tracks this and reports to the board.

Refr notes that he has an RBC American account that he can transfer money from one account to another to send south. Can this work for us?

Ellisif reminds us that we need to follow Society process to open a new account.

#### Kingdom Earl Marshal: Sir Fergus

General - Society is still working on getting all of the manuals onto an online wiki to allow for society wide updates whenever the main rule book changes. There is no specific completion date. We are now in beta.

I will be stepping down in less than a year and am actively searching for a replacement. Ivar has agreed to start in December but is working now.

Lists - Her Grace Svava is still transitioning aside as lists, Blialith is training to take over the lists position in three months.

The following are the fighter authorization numbers:

Armoured: 132 - increase C&T: 6

Equestrian: 8 Rapier: 90 - increase Siege: 7

YAC: 7

Marshals Armoured: 37

C&T: 3

Equestrian: 4 Rapier: 25

Siege: 3 TAM: 16 Thrown: 6 YAC: 7

Armoured - People still seem to be having fun. There are no major changes or issues to report Rapier - Continues unabated.

Archery- A new deputy, Robert Boniface has been approved and is now on our warrant Equestrian – Currently, we don't have a deputy as Tessa has stepped down from her roll. We have no applicants and at this time there are no scheduled Eq events

YAC - Borealis has a healthy group of fighters. The deputy position is currently empty.

Should this still be empty when I step down there might be an interruption in YAC in Avacal. If you know someone who is interested, then let me know. Ivar does have his YAC so there does not have be an interruption.

If anyone has any follow-up questions they can contact me. There is a form online if you need a background check.

#### Kingdom Chronicler: Lady Constantina

Current Problems:

1. Event stewards contacting me to publish after they've submitted to Calendar, and it's not published on Avacal Calendar.

The ONLY person who can override this is the Avacal Senechal, not the chronicler office. Rule by society.

2. Timing, if you don't have it to me by the first of the month, it won't be in the official newsletter.

Everything else is lovely!

Official newsletter submission deadline is the first of the month – for the fluffy flier it is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Roxanne clarified the following: There is a shift in SCA official publications being made through the web site rather than through the newsletter as it has been in the past. Constantina confirmed that this is the case. As per society, "Anything written in the newsletter i.e. events, officer names etc. MUST match what is on the kingdoms website."

Kingdom Chatelaine: HL Richard Du'Hawke (Hawk) No report

Kingdom A&S Officer: HE Brangwayn

**Montengarde:** A new A&S Baronial Champion was chosen at 12th Night-Drifa Discord A&S roundtables happen on the first and third Tuesday of the month. In person A&S gatherings are about once a month.

Tua classes have happened at 12th Night and our monthly Taverns. Replacement needed- term is completed

**Borealis:** Usual Sunday Community Activities for drop-in A&S. We usually have around 5-10 people. Working on trying to have more artisans bring their projects out to work on and be available to answer any questions from newcomers.

Yule: A&S Championship was chosen-Countess Bailey of Borealis

Small competition to create a Landsnecht Hat out of basic craft supplies and TUA classes

Myrgan Wood: Some A&S happens at weekly practice

More A&S has been happening in my garage! Which I intend to continue on non-event

weekends (sometimes Saturday, sometimes Sunday)

Among projects that may be worked on during these sessions, we have a plan to stamp or stencil items to sell at our steak night (fundraising demo) next month

Kingdom officer:

- Looking for TUA regent & Deputy A&S officer
- Communicated with current Kingdom champions about running kingdom competitions.
   Posted about kingdom championships.
- Current: 1 entrant for kingdom A&S, 0 for Kingdom Bardic
- Working with event steward for Avacal TUA. To help organize classes and championships.
- TUA Tenets Edited by Sadb & Inga- I reviewed

A&S deputy - Bardic: Lady Siobhan of Myrgan Wood no report

#### The University of Avacal:

See A&S Officer Report

#### Kingdom Herald: Dame Arwyn, Sanguinaris Herald

We would like to thank Roya for all the web updates, additions of heraldic titles on the main Avacal website page, and web emails setups for all the new staff heralds along with the branches. We (Roya and I) have started a discussion about the current heraldry website and a potentially migration into the kingdom one. Only initial discussions have been started and will include our current and very tired web person, Madame Jane de la Marche. We are still looking for someone to take over the heraldry website and help with the transition. If interested please contact the kingdom herald.

Speaking of deputies, I need to have a contingency officer (Red Ram Herald). Please contact me if you are interested in this high level admin job.

Our Order of Precedence and Roll of Arms, Silver Peacock Herald, Mistress Manyra is working with Roya to develop a new database for the OP. The existing one is quite an old platform and this update is needed. Beta Testing is happening. We thank them significantly for all the work on this.

We have had several staff changes along with some clarifications. The White Rabbit herald is our major tournament coordinator and is now held by Master Bjar the Blue. We decided to expand the role of the silent herald to be our accessibility herald to help provide more accessibility for events and court. We are floating the heraldic title idea of the White Dog Herald for this new position held by Her Ladyship Elina of York. Court reports and the Herald's reports are coming in on time with some prompting. We need some more improvements on the reports from our branches with no heralds. A reminder that as per kingdom law, Baronies have to have a herald.

Finally, we come to financial issues and requests. I attempted to deposit \$20 into our kingdom account in January for a submission received and was not able to deposit because I was told at the bank that

I not an approved depositor. We have sent requests to Kingdom Exchequer to set me and Eirik of Two Ravens (submissions) up and until then we can't collect funds for submissions. We need to know who to give these funds to until we become approved depositors so we can process submissions which is a requirement for Society.

Also the Crown, TRM Vik and A'isha wish to register a badge and potential award/household name. I would suggest that we review the policy that the Crown needs to pay for submissions and do it for free (like most kingdoms do) or approve a \$50 transfer (enough for 5 submissions) from the general fund to the submissions subaccount.

Finally, we, the College of Heralds, would like to spend \$20 for the registration of the accessibility heralds title, working title White Dog herald from the herald subaccount.

Court reports are coming in on time with some prompting. Branches without heralds need some support. Baronies need to have a herald.

The TD has determined that only approved depositors can put money in and so the heralds have been unable to deposit. We need a process. The exchequer is meeting with the bank to resolve this.

TMs wish to register a badge and award name for the foreign legion because it hasn't been approved. Question – do kingdoms have to pay for a badge. We have historically made the kingdom pay or could it come from the heralds fund? That fund is really only used to pay for office supplies – have \$2,000 so could easily handle the increased spending. Arwyn moves that the existing budget allocated for the herald's office be accessible to pay for all heraldic items to be owned by the kingdom including order/award names, household, badges, titles, etc. Ayame seconded. Passed

White dog herald has racist connotations for people of colour. We want to find a name – lets collect suggestions and ask for opinions.

#### Kingdom Scribe: Countess A'isha

We have paper, seals, wax. There has been some conversation about who is in charge of award tokens/danglies. Recommend that it be the responsibility of the scribe. Aisha moves that the office of the Kingdom Scribe be responsible to ensure that physical tokens for awards are made available for the crown to award and that they are properly tracked. Currently approx. \$500 budget. Seconded by Kvigr. Passed

TMs have purchased the mold for the lynx and are planning to supply this for the kingdom. Kvigr moves that TMs be reimbursed as per the invoice for the award molds they purchased (estimated to be approximately \$300) and that those molds become part of the royal scribe responsibility. Ayame second. Passed.

We do not have silver griffens. This should be something that is taken care of through this office. There is a loose plan but it needs to be formalized.

### Kingdom Family Activity Chancellor: Countess Bailey Sadbsdottir

10-year (quad): looking for volunteers who are willing to donate an hour of their time to some activities. Also looking for yarn and beads with a big hole if anyone has items. Also need someone with a generator, or a way to run power for a projector for family movie night during quad. Otherwise, nothing to report. Event team will set up with power.

### Old business Action Items Chart

| Action Item   | Who   | Progress  |
|---|---|---|
| Discussion item from THs –<br>How often do we wish to<br>celebrate Avacal<br>Anniversaries? | Roxanne (Vicki)   | To be reviewed at Sept<br>Crown (after celebration)   |
| Investigate what is required to rejuvenate TUA & recruit a new Regent                       | Sadb & Inga will write an information article for publication | Some documentation still required and are in process.  Note that handbooks and documentation need to be reviewed by Crown |
| Discuss with TMs conversations about calendar   | Renee   | Policy is under review.   |

#### New Business / Action Items Chart

| Action Item  | Who  | Progress |
|--|--|----------|
| Ask Society if electronic waiver storage is acceptable.                            | Renee, for Selwyn  |          |
| Asney new DEIB Officer   | Asney – Communications, contact<br>update, etc<br>Renee – ensure laws include office |          |
| Review laws & policy to ensure they reflect the Chronicler's publication Directive | Renee & Constantina  |          |
| Purchase 2 tabards for the Crown   | Kvigr to arrange   |          |
| Kingdom historical items to be displayed starting at 10 day celebration            | Kvigr & Inga to review, purge, & prepare   |          |
| Reimburse TMs for purchasing award token mold                                      | TMs to prepare cheque requisition form & documentation                               |          |

| for award tokens    | Scribe - Arrange for process to<br>acquire necessary tokens and a<br>system to track them<br>Renee – review laws & policy to<br>ensure new responsibilities are<br>reflected as intended |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Officer Recruitment | Red Ram Herald (contingency)<br>TUA Regent<br>A&S deputy   |  |

| Motion to close:         | _Ayme |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Seconded:Jacinda         |       |
| Curia meeting closed at: | 11:19 |

Please address all curia questions to Her Excellency Roxanne Delaroche. The official copy of these curia minutes can be found at Avacal.org/documents/ under the Office of the Seneschal – Curia Folder.



# SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# April Quarterly Meeting – Loch Salann, Artemisia

The April Quarterly Meeting of the SCA Inc. Board of Directors will be held in the Barony of Loch Salann, Kingdom of Artemisia on 12 April 2025. Society members and participants are invited to attend the public sessions, and a question-and-answer session will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting will also be streamed to allow for people to participate virtually.

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2025
TIME: 11:00am Mountain Daylight Time (GMT-6)
LOCATION:
Home2 Suites Murray
4927 S State Street
Murray, UT 84107

The meeting will also be broadcast virtually as usual via Zoom Webinars:

Visit sca.org/news/April.... to register to attend the meeting virtually or in person.

Please note that meeting space is limited, and seating is on a first-come first-served basis; there is no formal pre-registration.

# January 2025 president's Report Now Available

The most recent report from Bao Pham, SCA Inc. President, is now available. This report contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The report can be located here: /wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-01-After-Board-Meeting-Report.pdf

The January 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel.

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to Mr. Pham via email at president@sca.org

If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report January 2025". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

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