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Unofficial Barony of Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17RdqSpoig/>

Fighters of Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BvAtVzwsS/>

Archers of Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1Ckux4v9yq/>

Bard Hard with Montengarde

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1BHK7jGzgP/>

Avacal-Group

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17fNN7Rxfc/>

The Kingdom of Avacal Page

<https://www.facebook.com/KingdomofAvacalSCA>

Avacal Buy/Sell, Trade/Barter

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/14GTzeqrsAb/>

While these are the key Facebook groups, there are many more that can be found by searching keywords such as Montengarde, SCA and Avacal

Website Links

Barony of Montengarde

<https://www.montengarde.org/Welcome/>

Kingdom of Avacal

<https://avacal.org/>

Society for Creative Anachronisms

<https://www.sca.org/>

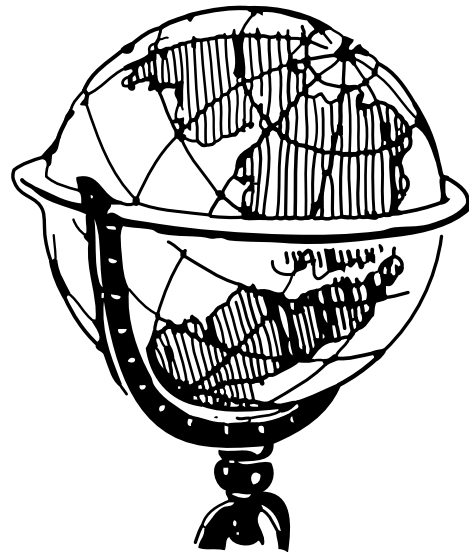
Addresses

The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary

7 11 St NE Calgary, AB T2E 4Z2

Archery World

106 - 3420 12th ST NE Calgary



Monthly Festivities

Tavern Night

July 14th at The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary from 7pm-10pm

A social evening with friends featuring a mix of dancing, medieval gaming, and arts & sciences. Beverages and sometimes food are provided for a nominal cost. Tavern is a “in garb” event but if you are without garb then have no fear! There is often loaner clothes curtesy of the Gold Key!

Montengarde Council

July 15th via Discord from roughly 7pm - 8pm

Open to any interested in the business side of the Barony! Here you will hear reports from all the officers and will include updates on upcoming events.

Martial Practice

Every Thursday at The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary from 6:30pm-9pm

Our warriors participate in tournaments for individuals and teams, tactical melees involving dozens of combatants, and even large-scale wars with thousands of participants! Thus, these practices allow our fighters to keep their skills sharp. There is a \$6 fee for fighters and by donation for non-combat attendees.

Bard Hard

July 12th via zoom from roughly 5pm - 10pm

A great way to meet with your fellow bards, perform, and listen to all that our talented barony has to offer.

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

Meeting ID:

850-6206-6750

Passcode: 1

Archery Practice

Every Friday at Archery World Calgary from 7pm-9pm

As of right now, Montengarde has negotiated a \$17 fee to practice at Archery World (cash). When you get there, just inform the staff that you are with the SCA, and loaner equipment is available for those interested!

A&S Round Table and Social

July 7th and 12st via Discord from 7pm-10pm

These nights are a great way to connect with the talented members of the barony and discuss projects or just work through various ideas with other people. Occasionally, these nights will be hosted in person, and information regarding this will be posted on Facebook or directly on the website.



NOTES FROM THE CHRONICLER

As summer settles in, I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and taking advantage of the many events and opportunities to gather in the months ahead. Whether you've been attending practices, working on projects, travelling to events, or simply enjoying time with friends, I hope the season has been treating you well.

While this edition of the newsletter may be a little shorter than usual, it is still packed with updates, highlights, and information from across our community.

And as always—if you have something exciting to share, I would love to hear about it. Whether it's a project you've been working on, photos from an event, an article, artwork, achievements, or anything else happening in the community, please reach out. One of my favourite parts of putting this together is getting to showcase the creativity and work happening around us.

Until next time, enjoy the season and I hope to see many of you at upcoming events!

Odilia Mae-Winter



NEW BARONIAL COUPLE

As announced by the Crown at the May Coronation, the next Baron and Baroness of Montengarde have been announced!

Congratulations to **His Lordship Sigfus Thorulfsson** and **Her Ladyship Freydis Birthedottir**, who will be stepping up as Baron & Baroness at the First Court of Quad War.



MYRGAN WOOD - SUMMER CHAMPIONS

July 10st to 12th at St Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Eparchial Park

Welcome to the Myrgan Woods Summer Champions event, where there will be tournaments to select our next Champion of Arrow and Champion of Rapier.

There will be camping, Bardic, Fighting and Swimming!

Yes, there is a Pool on-site! The pool is a natural spring-fed pool that is 5 feet deep, and it holds a whopping 500,000 gallons of water!

THERE IS NO LIFE GUARD!

Adult Event Registration - \$40

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30

Youth Registration - Free!

Event Steward: Lord Hoshikawa Takakage and Lord Adam Arrowsplitter



DRAGON SLAYER 2026

July 17th - 19th 2026 at the Delacour Community Hall Grounds

The Barony of Montengarde invites you to a weekend of revelry, bravery and excellence at
Dragonslayer 2026!

Witness as our heavy armored community battles for the right to call themselves Montengarde's Champion of Armored Combat, the Dragonslayer!

Be amazed as the archers of Montengarde dedicate themselves with deadly precision to a tournament to determine Montengarde's Champion of Archery, the Dragonblinder!

Enjoy revelry, friendship, and Montengarde's legendary hospitality at this camping event held at a site in Delacour, located conveniently only twenty minutes east of Calgary.



Activities (List to be updated as information becomes available to the event team)

- Heavy Armored Combat (Championship)
- Archery (Championship)
- Arts & Sciences
- Fencing
- Cut & Thrust
- Classes & Demonstrations
- Vigils & Elevations

Event Team

Jonker Allert Pierson

Lady Tora Thrandia

Sir Kiera the Shadowed

Sir Kathryn inghean Ui Mhaonaigh

QUAD WAR XXIX

July 1st - 5th at 123 Quad Road, Marsden, SK S0L 1B0

52°53'02.7"N 109°53'56.1"W

The Shire of Bordergate joyfully invites everyone to gather for a time of medieval merriment! Experience the excitement of battle and tournament, delight in bardic tales and songs, explore the arts and sciences, and stroll through Merchants' Row. Come to share good company and the timeless magic of our Society. We can't wait to see you there!

Adult Event Registration - \$40
Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30
Youth Registration - Free!

Some things to keep in mind:

The nearest off-site restaurant, the Prairie Diner, can be found in the tiny town of Marsden, SK (approximately 8 minutes from the site). It is located on main street, and is a standard, small town grill that features everything from poutine to steak, Western and stir fry options, with daily specials. It is open daily from 10:00 - 19:00.

When Driving:

- From the West - Wainright, Alberta: Travel East on Highway 14 AB, this becomes Highway 40 SK at the border. Proceed 8km past the border and turn North (left) on Artlan Road (this is opposite of Suffern Lake turn off #680). Travel 4.6km north and turn West (left) on to field road.
- From the East - Battleford, Saskatchewan: Travel West on Highway 40 SK to Marsden, SK. Continue 5km past Marsden and turn North (right) on Artlan Road (this is opposite of Suffern Lake turn off #680). Travel 4.6km north and turn West (left) on to field road.

Check out everything this event has to offer on the Quad War Website!
<https://quadwar.avacal.org/registration/>

SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ABOUT THE QUAD SITE

About the Location:

TE Alfheim & Adeline (Stew & Gail Hiar) privately own this amazing land location. All of the buildings and structures have been developed and are privately owned by the owners or the many individuals within our fair kingdom. Walk around and enjoy all there is to see. Please be mindful and leave things just as nice as or better than you found it. The castle is in need of some repairs. Any individuals under 18 must be accompanied by adults.

Water:

Please bring your own drinking water for the event!

There is a well on site, drilled in 2022. However, we cannot regularly test the water quality. Thus, we are advertising it as not potable. Water is available at the well house near the dwarf encampment & the shower house for washing. Again, we are not recommending you drink it.

Local Marsden water can be collected at the water plant in town. Although it is potable, it is not that pleasant with its high mineral content. Water can be purchased in large containers in Marsden at the convenience store.

Check out everything this event has to offer on the Quad War Website!
<https://quadwar.avacal.org/registration/>

MERCHANT LIST FOR QUAD WAR

The Accidental Emporium – Everything you didn't know you needed and prices so low they will amaze you

Algiz rune Art – We craft Viking, Celtic, Medieval jewelry, Norse idols, terracotta figures, historical knife and axe, Viking chess, and drinking ware. We use wood, silver, bronze, antler, bone

<http://www.algizrune.com> <http://www.lostravn.com>

Banners of War – Kingdom populace Banners, pins, encampment walls <http://bannersofwar.com>

Bronwyn's Wares – Handcrafted Jewelry and printed cards. With emphasis on jewelry

Cloaking Devices – Cloaks, bog coats and other miscellaneous outerwear

Coffee, etc. – Hot and cold beverages, snacks and light meals

Coryn's Garb Shop – simple (mostly early-period) clothing and headwear.

Dragon & Thistle Arms and Finery – We sell knives, Daggers, and swords, Leather belt pouches and purses all hand made leather goods. Hand made silver jewelry and hand made cloak pins from scarf size to large scotish cloak pins. We also sell medieval jewelry not hand made and miscellaneous brick brack.

Dansandi Hundr (The Dancing Dog) – Silver jewelry, feast gear, cloth/woven goods, bags, pouches, bead necklaces, books

Fuzzy Lizard Studio – Handmade glass beads and other items

Galeana's Closet – Maker of clothing for all Lord's & Ladies Cloaks, Dresses, Doublets, Tunics, Viking Pants, Hats and more

Golden Scarab – cloaks, shawls, hand cut gemstones, silver rings and other handmade goods

Here Be Dragons – Period crafting supplies and resources, handmade toys and pouches. Girl guide cookies (while supplies last).

Heppin's Wares – Leatherwork, inkle loom weavings and more

KvitRavn Kafe – Breakfast, lunch and dinner available. Walk up only, no meal plan provided. Cash, debit, & credit accepted. Closed 2:00-4:00pm daily. SHA licensed food vendor.

Mag's End – Mag's End has many shiny treasures to explore! Some are the treasures we carry are: Feast Kits & Gear, Treasure Bags & Boxes full of shinies to play games with, & Bags Bags Bags!

Plasticsmith Armoury – Makers of Quality Vacuum-Formed High Density Polyethylene Armour, suitable for armoured combat, rapier, cut and thrust, and youth combat.

<https://plasticsmitharmoury.com>

Reynbowe Lizard – Unfortunately Reynbowe Lizard is unable to attend in person. Their wares, (Silk yarn, wooden tablets for cardweaving, medieval spices) will be available at Willfulle Creations.

Spindle Spun – Woven trims, hand-spun yarn and thread, wooden items and various other things

Twilight Leather Goods – Custom leather goods and plastic heavy armour gear.

Tyger's Rest Emporium – Tyger's Rest has garb, feastware, jewelry, accessories, books as well we are hosting a 10 day meal plan.

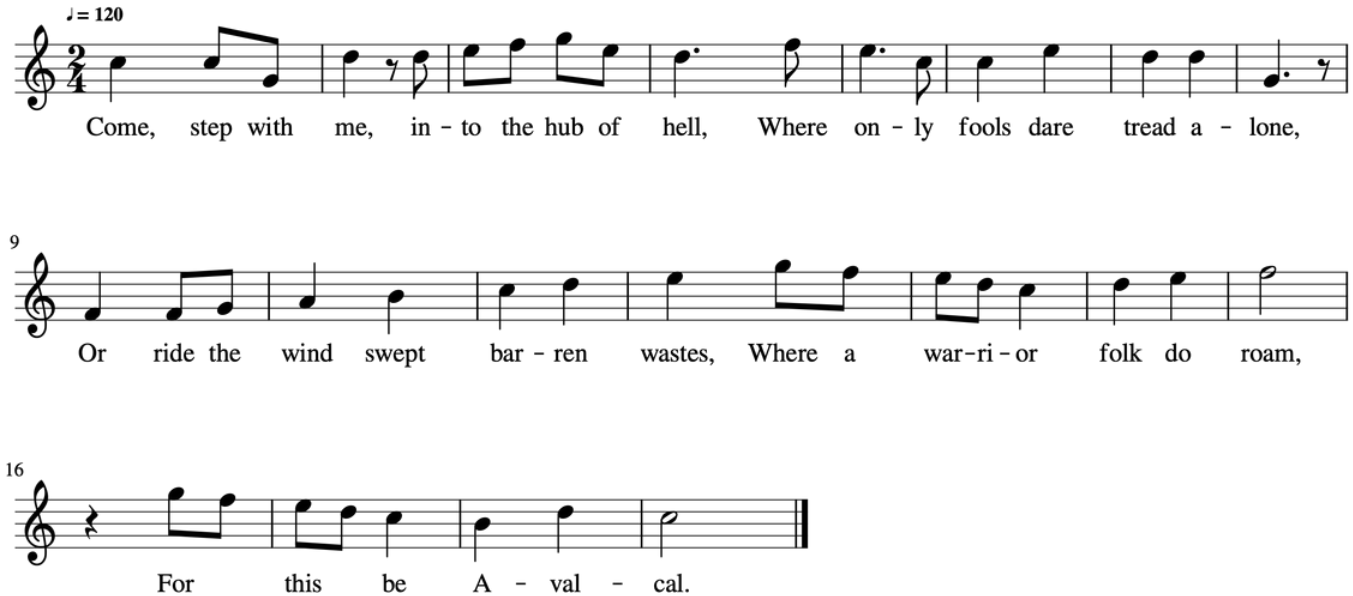
Willfulle Creations – Hand cast pewter dress accessories such as buttons, belt fittings, veil pins, brooches and more. <http://wilfulle.com>

Yri's Antlers – items crafted from bone and antler

FOR THIS BE AVACAL

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Come, step with me, in - to the hub of hell, Where on - ly fools dare tread a - lone,
Or ride the wind swept bar - ren wastes, Where a war-ri - or folk do roam,
For this be A - val - cal.

Come, step with me, into the hub of hell,
Where only fools dare tread alone,
Or ride the windswept barren wastes,
Where a warrior folk do roam, for this be Avacal.

Come, see the bull-headed man stomp and snort,
And display his bulging might,
Hear doubled wolf cry down the moon,
Through a wild cloud-studded night, for this be Avacal.

Come, where the wyrms do fly o'er rolling hills,
Through the dark night's cloudy cloak,
Or where a star glows on the path,
Of a weary wandering folk, for this be Avacal.

Come, to the lakes, so clear, so crisp, so cold,
That to drink is joyous pain,
To castles where men die for honour,
And others do come for gain, for this be Avacal.

Drums and bugles sound where the brave do stand,
Contending now with shield and sword,
Till night shall fall and to bed we go,
With a hero to stand as ward, for this be Avacal.

Come, folk, take heed, from such diversity,
Together we here gain our strength,
Though bards now seldom speak our deeds,
In time they shall, at length, for this be Avacal.



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(Thank you for reading)