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IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE BARONY

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FROM THE CHRONICLERS DESK

Welcome to the first edition of our fresh newsletter!

My Name is Aurora di Mare and I am your new Montengarde Chronicler with Mr. Calvin Hawkes as the Deputy Chronicler! We are super excited to release our first Minotaur Monitor for the beautiful month of May! As with the kingdom newsletters, ours will also be coming out a month in advance and include information about upcoming events.

We would also love to feature some of your work in the newsletter! All you need to do is submit it in advance of the publication date to the chronicler's email (chronicler@montengarde.org) for review. You can also fire us any concerns or comments regarding this newsletter, we'd love to hear back from the community.

With that being said, enjoy the first publication of the Minotaur Monitor!

Warmest of Regards,
Aurora di Mare and Calvin Hawkes





CURRENT VACANT POSITIONS

Montengarde Needs Your Help!

This amazing Barony functions due to the dedication of individuals who volunteer their time as officers. Without such dedicated service we would grind to a halt. Montengarde has several officer positions that are available to those looking to help our amazing community thrive. Additionally, there are several deputy positions ready for the taking! Deputies assist the current officer while learning aspects of the position and taking on certain responsibilities.

Please contact our Seneschal (seneschal@montengarde.org) and our Baron and Baroness (excellencies@montengarde.org) if you are interested in any of these positions.

Current officer positions looking to be filled

- Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Seneschal

Deputy positions looking to be filled

- Seneschal Deputy
- Deputy Chatelaine
- Demo Co-ordinator
- Gold Key Coordinator
- Deputy Herald
- Quartermaster
- Deputy Exchequer

THE UP AND COMING!

MONTHLY TAVERN NIGHT

May 13th, 2025 | 7 pm - 10pm

The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary, 711 St NE, Calgary, AB T2E 4Z2, Canada

Cost: by donation to cover hall rental fees

A social evening with friends featuring a mix of dancing, medieval gaming, and arts & sciences and a great place to get to know your local group! Beverages and sometimes food are provided for a nominal cost. Dishware is not provided, please remember to bring your own.

Tavern is a "in garb" event but if you are without garb then have no fear! There is often loaner clothes courtesy of the Gold Key!

Class: Event Scheduling

ARTS AND SCIENCE ROUNDTABLE AND SOCIAL

May 6th 7pm-10pm May 20th 7pm-10pm

MARTIAL PRACTICE

Every Thursday from 6:30pm - 9pm

ARCHERY PRACTICE

Every Friday from 6:30pm - 9:30

BARD HARD WITH MONTENGARDE

Sunday, May 11th 5pm-10pm on Zoom

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

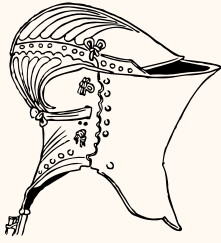
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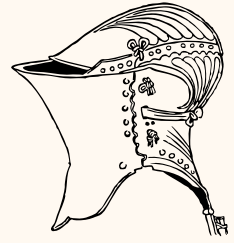
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THE UP AND COMING!



AVACAL GRAND TUA May 3rd, 2025 | 8:30 am - 10:00 pm

University of Alberta - North Campus

2-29 Triffo Hall, 116 St and 85 Ave, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2E1

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.

Adult Event Registration - \$40

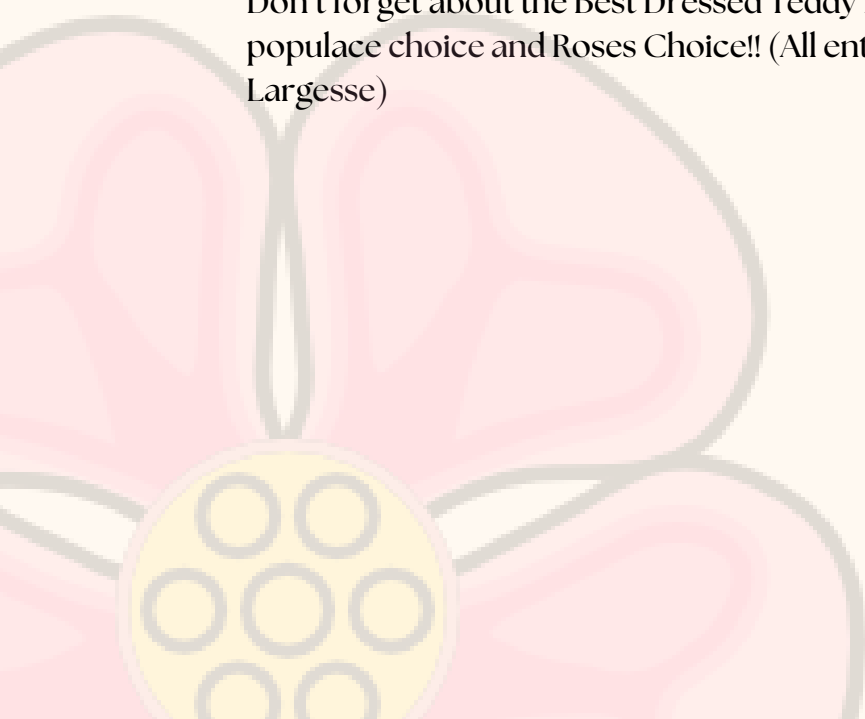
Adult Member Discount Event Registration - \$30

Youth Registration (0-17) - Free

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

Please Check out the Event Facebook Page for more information!

Don't forget about the Best Dressed Teddy Bear Contest! Prizes will be awarded for populace choice and Roses Choice!! (All entries will be donated to Avacal's Children's Largeesse)



THE UP AND COMING!

AVACAL SPRING CORONATION May 16th -19th 2025

Benalto, Alberta 52°18'22.4"N 114°16'48.2"W

Time to Celebrate our past present and future! At the site of our first Crown Tournament and first Coronation, join us in the bountiful celebration!

Some of the featured celebrations include; the Coronation of the Kingdoms Heirs, Tournaments to determine the next Kingdom Archery and Armored Combat Champions and an amazing selection of traditional street fair foods.

Adult Event Registration - \$40

Adult Member Discounted Event Registration - \$30

Youth Registration - Free

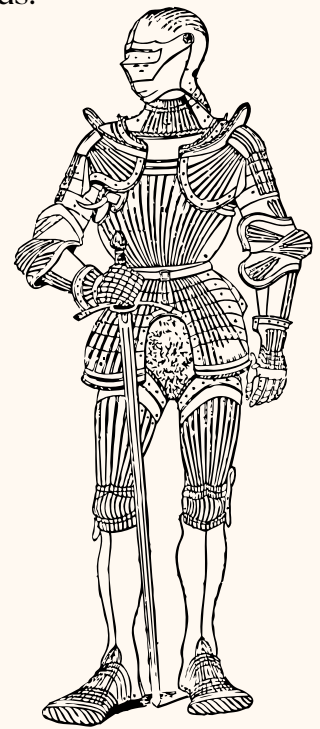
Adult Feast Fee (18+) - \$15

Youth Feast Fee (12-17) - \$15

Child Feast Fee (0-11) - \$15

Event Steward: Alysa Harron - brimmy_san@yahoo.com

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



MAY DAYS May 23, 5pm - May 25, 12pm 2025

Grassy Lake Municipal Campground
210 Chapman Ave Grassy Lake TOKOZO

With the thawing of the lands and the new growth blossoming, we gather our 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! Check out the website or Facebook event page for more information!

Adult Event Registration - \$30

Adult Member Discounted Event Registration - \$20

Youth Registration - Free

THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR!

DEMO - AARD CON Jun 7th 2025

Renfrew Community Association, 811 Radford Rd NE,
Calgary, AB T2E 0R7, Canada

AärdCON, is a fantasy gathering to immerse yourself in the realms of Tabletop role-Playing Games (TTRPGs), Dungeons & Dragons and fantasy art/media

This Local gaming convention is new ground for us! It will be a great opportunity to show off our arts, sciences, fighters and more! Check out the Barony of Montengarde for further information!

DEMO - SUMMER SKIRMISH August 16-17 2025

The Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Trl SW,
Calgary AB T2T 6E8, Canada

Join us in the sunny month of August at the Summer Skirmish! Almost 2000 years of warfare comes to life in a weekend of scripted battles re-enactments and demonstrations.

One Day Pass (Sat or Sun)

- Adult: \$17
- Seniors and Youth (4-17): \$7
- Families (up to 2 Adults & 5 Youth): \$40
- Children (4 and under): Free

Weekend Pass

- Adults: \$25
- Seniors and Youth (4-17): \$10
- Families (up to 2 Adults & 5 youth): \$60
- Children (4 and under): Free

Re-Enactors at this event:

- First Special Service Force Living History Association
- 10th Battalion CEF Commemorative Association
- Alberta World War Living History Association
- Society for Creative Anachronisms, Calgary
- The Yankee Valley Historical Society
- Society for Tilt and Lance Cavalry
- The Old 78th Fraser Highlanders
- Strathcona's Mounted Troop
- Alberta 18th century group
- Dragon's Own
- Ulfraedi

WORD SEARCH

ORDERS OF MONTENGARD

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WORDS TO FIND!

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HORN AND BOW	HORN AND SWORD	MINOTAURS CHAIN
MONTENGARDE	MOUNTAIN	ORDER
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SABLE DRAGON	SABLE DRUM	ST FERDINANDS HEART
STANDARD BEARER	TORSE AND TORCH	WHITE HAT





THE SPOT LIGHT



This month we sent the amazing Calvin Hawkes to speak with the warriors, artists and scholars of Montengarde! This Month features a brief interview with the one and only Minister of Arts and Science, Her Ladyship Custance Frideswide Featherstonehaugh. we spoke about artistry, advice for newcomers, and why in-person events should be at the top of your list

Can you give me a brief summary of your time in the SCA? What are you most proud of?

"I started in the early 90s with a passion for Historical Costuming. I have been the Baronial Demo Coordinator, Principality A&S Minister, Lady High Regent of THUA (Now known as TUA) Avacal Arts and Sciences Champion, taught numerous classes on a wide variety of topics and am currently the Baronial Arts and Sciences Minister. I'm most proud of encouraging others to try something new and start a journey that they didn't think they could start!"

When you were just starting out in the Society, what's one piece of advice you wish someone had passed along to you? Alternatively, what is the best piece of advice you received?

"The piece of advice that I wish I was given when I started in the Society was....take your time and enjoy the adventure.

The best piece of advice I received was to try new things and be open to meeting new people!"

When you first began pursuing Arts and Sciences, what hooked you? What was the moment that cemented your joy of the discipline?

"I joined the SCA to pursue my passion for historical costuming and researching the topic. There wasn't one moment that I could pinpoint that cemented my joy in the discipline but the vast spectrum of Arts and Sciences let me experiment and embrace a wide variety of different subjects. These included Cookery, Needle Arts, Lacemaking, Textile Arts of all kinds, Domestic Arts, Millinery and so much more."

THE SPOT LIGHT CONTINUED

Why should people come out and join you for Arts & Sciences events? What can they expect when they do come out?

"People should come out to enjoy the Arts and Science Events Because You can meet new people, see the passion that other folks have for their craft, try your hand at something new and ask questions and work on your own projects in a friendly welcoming environment.....oh and we have cookies!"

What is something that is particularly special about the local community?

"We have a wide variety of people that are enthusiastic about their Crafts and willing to share their knowledge"

Whats the best thing about being the Arts & Sciences Minister?

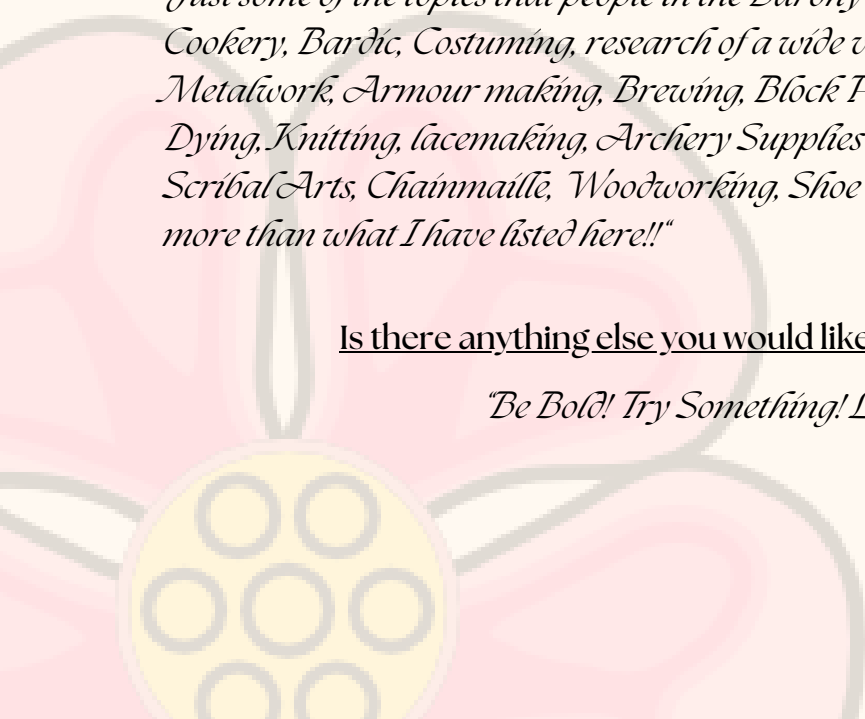
"I really enjoy being a cheerleader for others in their interests and pursuits to try something new or on a continuing journey of the A&S passions. To help with finding resources and solutions to questions posed by people wanting to try a new Arts and Science but they don't know where to start."

One of the most exciting things about Arts & Sciences is the near-endless range of possibilities - can you give me an idea of the different things that people in the Barony work on?

*"Just some of the topics that people in the Barony work on are:
Cookery, Bardic, Costuming, research of a wide variety of topics, Leatherwork, Metalwork, Armour making, Brewing, Block Printing, Spinning, Weaving, Natural Dying, Knitting, lacemaking, Archery Supplies (such as arrow making), Needlework, Scribal Arts, Chainmaille, Woodworking, Shoe making, Millinery and soooooo much more than what I have listed here!!"*

Is there anything else you would like to pass on to the populace?

"Be Bold! Try Something! Learn and grow!"



MAKING YOUR FIRST PERSONA

Written with the help of The incoming Knight Marshal, Allert Pierson

A persona is who are “are” in the SCA. They’re a plausible historical person you invent from the time period you’d like to explore - sort of a historical fanfiction character! Having a persona we can dress like and (sometimes) act like helps us give our events the historical look and impression we love to share with each other. In the following section we will outline some tips and guidelines to developing a persona.



There is some stuff you should watch out for when making your very own persona. A persona should be somebody who could really have lived in the time and place you chose, so we leave out fantasy elements (no elves, orcs, etc.) There are also some parts of history that still cause deep pain to modern people. Approach issues of appropriation/ misrepresentation/ colonialism carefully and with respect. All kinds of bigotry, discrimination, and prejudice are unacceptable under any circumstances, regardless of how your persona might have looked at the world.

Your persona should be someone you want to know more about, a name you don't mind being called (people will call you by your persona's name in the SCA). and from a time and place you find interesting. They should be born before 1600 CE, but they can be from anywhere in the world.

It takes some people decades to get everything just the way they like it, so don't feel like you have to have everything figured out right away. It's normal to collect things piece by piece over a long period of time. Start by borrowing “Gold Key” (a loaner costume) and jump in at the next event! We change and grow through life, so it's good for your persona to do the same. Your persona is never permanent - You can invent a whole new person at any time if you want!!

DANCE OF THE MONTH

This week is an excerpt from the lovely Althea document, Circle and Line dances chosen for fun and flirting.

Terms:

DL - Double Left: Take 2 steps to your left (while facing forward) most often ending with both feet together

DR - Double Right: Same as above but the other direction

SL - Single Left: Take one step to your right while facing forward

SR - Single Right: Take one step to your right while facing forward

Siding: Walking 3 steps towards your shoulder's line up. Maintain eye contact throughout. Siding L means you walk to your left and almost touch right shoulders, and vice versa.

Arming: Cupping the elbow of your partner and walking around them. This can be fast or slow. Arming R means cupping right Arms and Arming L means left.

The Baron's Bransle

Music: Skarazula Marazula In Médiévales de Québec by Skada

Formation: Holding hands in a circle

This is a very common dance in the SCA as it is simple and energetic. It has traditionally been taught and performed by people wishing to enter the Chivalry where knowing dance is a required art. You've never danced until you have done so with a gentle in full armor. The following are the steps:

DL, SR, Kick your left foot, your right foot, and then your left foot again
Repeat until the song is done. The bow/curtsey/ make a leg to the group

Note: Before you start kicking, I find it is easier to just touch the toe of the left foot to the floor at the end of the single before flinging it forward. I find this helps stabilize and keeps time music.



**THANK YOU FOR
READING!**

**IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT
SOMETHING FOR THE
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CONTACT AURORA
THROUGH THE
CHRONICLER EMAIL!**

**HAVE AN AMAZING
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