

The Eskalya Chronicle

A Challenge from the Baroness

Greetings unto all the craftspeople and artisans in Esklaya,



I would like to challenge all of you to a task that I feel that you are eminently worthy of and more than capable of. This past Winter Coronet, Baroness Ellis O'Bourne asked all Baronesses in the Kingdom of the West that we ask our populaces to create items for the West Kingdom

Crowns to have in order to fill the gifty boxes that they so often must give out. The challenge is for each artisan to create just two pieces of their best work. The work will be sent down with a biography of the artist that created it and the Baronies would send it en mass i.e. Eskalya would send all of its work together

at one time. This would allow Ellis to display the works at a crown event before it is given to Their Majesties.

So what type of things are we looking for? Items such as embroidered napkins, hand-made bookmarks, blank illuminated scrolls, basically if you think that you would want to receive it in a gift basket then please make it. I am hoping to have the items ready to be sent by June Crown. I urge all to take part in this challenge as I know that we have some of the most talented artisans around, let me show how proud of you that I am. Let's show the rest of the Known World how talented you are.

Again I urge you to take up this challenge and create two pieces of your best work for gift baskets, just a small hint don't forget to gear some towards the gentleman,

Yours in Service,

Margaret Anne of Somerset,
Baroness of Eskalya OL OP

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Events & Other Gatherings

Fighter Philosophy Night Eskalya Monday, April 23

This is a discussion group for philosophy, humor, cool ideas being shared between fighters both new and old. This originally started to be able to cover those types of discussions that we just don't have time for at a fighter practice or in lesson. Over the years it has shown time and time again that many of these concepts and discussions cross over various fighter disciplines, so while this has been geared mostly towards Rapier fighting, all fighters and interest parties are welcome to join us in these monthly evenings of camaraderie. This month's discussion we will be talking about Courtesy on the Field.

We meet on the 4th Mondays of the month. This is located at Sorcha's manor home in Anchorage from 7-9pm. Each month there will be a different topic. If you have questions or thoughts to be brought up on these discussions but can not be present, please feel free to contact me privately and I will share this at the get together.

Hope you can join us.
Sorcha Careman

Directions to Sorcha's Manor house:
6242 Rose Hip Circle, Anchorage
(907-562-1989 Beth Berry)

Take your best directions to the intersection of Lake Otis Parkway and Dowling

Road.

Turn East towards the mountains onto Dowling. Take first right onto Laurel St. Follow it to the end. It then curves left and becomes E 64th. Follow East 64th. Take first left onto Rose Hip Circle. We are on the left, tan house with white trim.

Beltane Collegium

Hrafnsfjodr Saturday, April 28, 2007

Join the Shire of Hrafnafjörðr (Ravensfjord) as we host our Spring Collegium.

Following is a tentative class list: Period Shoes; Basket Weaving; Silk Roses; Egyptian Spiral Chain Jewelry; Chivalry; Beads; Coiled Baskets, Trichinopoly (Viking Wire jewelry) Mosaics ; Beginning and Advanced Garb; What You Need to Know to be a SCA Officer; SCA Documentation ; Naalbinding ; Simple Roman Garb. A heavy fighter and rapier demo is also planned.

An Arts & Sciences Display is also planned, to show case the talents of Oertha, and also give other people ideas on things they can make, or get help making the things they have already started. Please bring anything you are working on, completed, was gifted or bought. Please make a small name tag to go along with your displayed items.

The evening will end with a Bardic Practice so, please bring your song books and instruments to join in.

Hot beverages will be provided. This is a wet site with drinks that can be bought in the bar through your Autocrat, and her assistant. No one else is allowed in the bar to buy drinks or hangout. No liquor is allowed to be brought from the outside into the building. A finger food pot luck will be held through out the day. Finger Food by Birth Month:
 January, February - Desserts
 March, April -Vegetables
 May, June- Breads, Crackers
 July, August- Sandwiches
 September, October - Meats
 November, December- Cheese, Spreads, Dressings

Site: Moose Family Lodge, Kenai Alaska

Fees: \$4.00 Adults,\$2.00 Children 6-12 Under 6 free. The standard \$3.00 nonmembers surcharge will apply. Directions to site: Take your best route to Soldotna. Turn right at the Spur Highway, or what is known as the "Y" in Soldotna. Follow the Spur Highway through the City of Kenai. The Moose Lodge is on the right side of the road.and there is also limited refrigerator space.

Autocrat: Lady Adisa hrafn Ulfsdottir
 MKA Debbie Jackson
 P.O. Box 1232,Sterling, AK 99672
 907-260-4633 (1pm - 12am)

Spring Offensive Selviergard May 12, 2007

O, how tacky can you get? Selviergard's annual springtime ritual is back! The

site this year is between a cemetery and a farm... so we can wake the dead just so long as we don't rattle the cattle!

Three – count `em – Three Offensive Contests! –Awards will be given for the most offensive garb, (PG-13,please) Hat and Shakespearean-style Insult (must be done from memory!) Here's your chance to use that purple boa or that gosh awful psychedelic fabric that's been hiding in the bottom of your closet for years or that weird topper Aunt Marge knitted when you were 12.

Truly Tacky Tourneys – Heavy and Rapier - devised by those fiends Georg and Alaryn. A Baronial fundraiser –Teams will bid on their favorite fighter who they will "dress", after armor inspection, in whatever theme they wish (bring your own!). The only rule is that it must not hinder their movement or sight, anything else goes! And Rapier fighters - word has it that the Offensive Cup is back for the taking!

Then the Junk Garb Wars – Three teams will receive one roll of duct tape and a bundle of the craziest eye-poppingest fabrics imaginable. Participants will have one hour to "dress" their live model.

Feast is Potluck - Stew and bread will be provided. Bring a dish that will serve 8-10 people Potluck contribution by birth month:

January to April – veggies

May to August – desserts

September to December – side dish.

Site: Bodenbergt Baptist Church, Mile 12.5 Old Glenn Hwy, Palmer, AK.
 Site is open 10 am to 10 pm.

Site fee: \$20.00 for families, \$5.00 children ages 4 - 12, members \$8.00, non-members \$11. Site is DRY.

Directions: From Anchorage or Wasilla: follow the New Glenn Hwy to Palmer. Turn right on W. Arctic Avenue (Old Glenn Hwy/Palmer Alternate). At the Tesoro station on the North end of town continue on for 5 miles. Bodenbergs Baptist Church is on the right just past the Valley Memorial Cemetery.

Autocrat: Helen of Avebury (Barb Smith) 15855 Mothershead Lane, Palmer, Alaska 99645, 907-746-4493

May Revel Eskalya

May 18 - 20, 2007

Dust off your pavilions and air out your bedclothes, the camping season is once again upon us. And what better way to start the year off than with Highland Games! So Lads and Lassies, gather around the field and watch as those who are brave enough compete in Scottish wrestling, tug o'war, the axe hold, the weight walk and our own version of caber tossing!

For those who choose not to compete in the more physical part of the games, we'll also have a competition for the best banner, most colorful kilt, best sporrán and quick cordials. On Sunday we'll also have two Bear pits, one for the heavy fighters and another for the rapiers. There will be an additional prize for the best death. Feast on Saturday is potluck with meat provided. Breakfast will be available on Sunday. Saturday feast potluck contributions are by your mundane

middle name:

A-E Desserts

F-J vegetables

K-N protein dishes

O-T starches (potatoes, rice, pasta)

U-Z breads, spreads and cheeses

Site: Centennial Park, Anchorage

Fee: \$10 per person, \$13 for non-members 5 and under free.

Site opens Friday, May 18 at 6 pm and closes Sunday, May 20 at 6 pm.

Autocrats: Ciara Bridgit DerAlcan mka Jennifer Jacques and Caoimheall Dubheasa DerAlcan mka Amanda Waterman

Spring Captaincy Winter's Gate

May 26 - 27, 2007

*Honor the gods with cakes and wine,
Mortal service to those divine.*

Give to them the best, without fail.

*From distant Rome did Bacchus sail,
But France is the land of the vine.*

In the vineyard's rustic shine,

Here he's worshiped, without design,

Who makes of every glass a grail.

Honor the gods.

There's flour, sifted white and fine,

And ovens glowing in a line.

The blessed cakes cooling on the rail

Mean that good fourteen will prevail.

Be thankful for what is yours or mine:

Honor the gods.

--Elizabeth Barrette

Come join the Barony of Winter's Gate as it celebrates the month of many

moons! This May includes two moons: the Flower Moon and the Blue Moon. The usual Captaincy activities are expected: tourney to select the Captain of the Militia to lead our barony during the Border War Faire, a fabulous potluck feast, the pageantry of our noble courts, and children's activities which will include a stick weaving class. A&S classes to be offered: Advanced Kumihimo, Drop Spindle, and Heraldry 101: placement.

Competitions will be Metal jewelry, Baron's Whim - woodworking in any mode and the Baroness' Whim - period toys which can be contributed to the baronial children's chest. Additional moon theme contests are period cakes with edible flowers and moons in any mode – additional points awarded for incorporating flowers or the color blue. Please remember that documentation provides extra points in any competition.

Please be aware that in order to fit all of this frolicsome fun into two days we will need to keep courts, lists, and tourneys starting on schedule so please plan your arrival accordingly.

Feast is potluck so please bring a dish to share that feeds 8-10 people. The Barony is providing a meat dish to be shared by all. The site is discreetly wet.

Site: Wilderness Pavilion, Pioneer Park. Use the Peger Road entrance by the river. Site opens Saturday at 9:30 am and closes at 10 pm Saturday. Site opens on Sunday at 11 am and closes at 5 pm.
Event fees: \$7 for adult members, \$10 for nonmembers, \$4 for children 12-17, younger children free. For family

rate, please contact the autocrat team.
Autocrats: Daithi' Conri' (Zach Sherman), 907-347-8404 cell, Box 80073, Fairbanks AK 99708 and Greteke Lille (Grete Mjolsnes Karrick) 374 9857, P.O. box 82752, Fairbanks AK 99708

Contest Announcement

In August Selviargard will be holding the Baroness' Championship. Lord Alaryn will be sponsoring a brewing contest!!

This will be a JUDGED contest with three divisions. Please bring enough to sample for at least three judges to taste.

The divisions will be:

1. Cordials
2. Beers
3. Wine/meads (these two will be separated out if there are enough entries)

The judges will be chosen as follows: Contact Lady Isabel with your request to be a judge. The best letter of persuasion as to why you would make the best judge will win you spot. HOWEVER to be a judge you must not have an entry in the contest AND no one in your family can have an entry in the contest.

Roses Workshop Eskalya

Viscountess Viresse de Lighthaven is hosting several work parties to make roses for the Roses Tourney at Oertha's Summer Coronet. All those who would like to help, (and learn how to create the ribbon roses), please join us on the following dates. About two work parties a

month have been scheduled. Supplies will be available at the workshops as well as at events for any wishing to help out.

All dates are Fridays, 7 pm - 9 pm:
 May 4, June 1, June 22, and July 13.
 Teas and coffee are available. Brings snacks if you would like. Donations of additional supplies are cheerfully and gratefully accepted: Green floral tape, 1¼ inch to 1 ½ inch wide satin ribbon in white, blue, silver, gold, red, and green (for the leaves).

Please note parking is extremely limited, carpooling is good. Contact Viresse de Lighthaven at 907-338-6355 for directions or if you have questions.

Rapier Authorizations

Mistress Margaret Anne of Somerset, Oertha Rapier Marshall has announced that she and several of the senior marshals have agreed to be available at the following events to hold authorizations for rapier. If you are a rapier fighter who needs to authorize or a marshal that needs to authorize we will be available to facilitate that for you. The following dates are when and where we will be, they are all at events and are split out among the entire Principality.

May 12 - Selvieregard, Spring Offensive
 May 18 - Eskalya, May Revel
 May 26 - Winter's Gate, Captaincy
 July 21 - Hrafnsfjodr, Coronet

IF you can not make any of these dates and need to authorize please contact Mistress Margaret Anne of Somerset to arrange an alternate time and place for authorizations.



Calendar

April

28 Collegium, Hrafnsfjodr

May

4 Roses Workshop
 12 Spring Offensive, Selvieregard
 18 May Revel, Eskalya
 26 Spring Captaincy, Winters Gate

June

1 Roses Workshop, Eskalya
 2,3 Three Barons Faire, Eskalya
 9,10 Three Barons Faire, Eskalya
 16,17 Border Wars, Selvieregard
 22 Roses Workshop, Eskalya
 24 Solstice, Hrafnsfjodr
 30 Newcomers, Eskalya

July

4 Whittier Demo
 7 Games Day, Winter's Gate
 Gathering of the Clans -
 Selvieregard
 Outdoor Revel, Pavlosk Gavan
 21,22 Summer Coronet, Oertha
 Hrafnsfjodr

August

10 Equestrian Event, Oertha
 17 Baroness's Champion -
 Selvieregard

Barony of Eskalya Sign Contest

Have you ever tried to get to an event and could not find it?
Were the directions a little on the hazy side?
Did you make that infamous left turn at Albuquerque?
Were you just looking for a sign?

If that's what's bothering you, then now is your chance to help solve these dilemmas and provide proper signage for Baronial events. Our gracious Baron and Baroness are sponsoring a competition for Sign designs. Submit your designs of a most wonderous topographical ornament to Their Excellencies by May Revel.

The winning design will be that which shows our barony in good prospect, and be faire and unique and (dare it be said?) a sign of the times. Baron Breock will furnish supplies to put such wonderous designs into reality.



Regnum

**King & Queen of the West
Uther & Kara**

**Prince & Princess of Oertha
Cyrus & Catriona**

**Baron & Baroness of Eskalya
Breock & Margaret Ann**

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