



Fret Knot

Fall: A.S. XLVII



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From the Chronicler

Greetings from the chronicler!

Welcome to the fall issue of the Fret Knot. We've had a very busy tourney season this year and now we get to wind down, preparing for the colder months to approach our Barony. With fewer tourneys being run during the colder months, my thought turn to art and trying to finish off any projects that need it. With Pentathlon coming up the early part of 2013, now is the best time to start getting your items completed for it.

Or if you aren't into Pentathlon, how about sending in some articles on any SCA projects you're working on? Or maybe ones you've done in the past that you are willing to share? Have some artwork? Poems? We'd love to publish them here.

And if you have feedback on how to make this newsletter better, feel free to contact me as well. I'm easy to reach at chronicler@sca-altavia.org.

See you January! Enjoy your holidays!

Baroness Asakura Mashime

From Their Excellencies

Greetings Altavia!

We are looking forward to Great Western War (**Ragnarok!!**) and all the events held therein. Cormac Mor will have his Vigil on Friday night in the Angels encampment and his Pelican elevation at Grand Court on Saturday afternoon. Cecilia and Cristof will have a hand fasting ceremony in the Altavia encampment on Saturday night at 7:00pm and then will have a traveling reception! The Royal encampment will have a Mardi Gras themed party Saturday night at 9:00pm. We will be saying goodbye to the Inn of the Crimson Spade and they will have a last hurrah on Saturday night. Please stop by at some point and wish them well. We will miss the Inn and all the stories and songs they provided throughout the years. Sunday morning brings the Valkyrie Tournament where all Ladies of the Rose will have two Armored fighters (Knight and unbelted) and two Rapier fighters (White Scarf and none) who will fight for their honor. It is always a grand tournament!



please contact us at baron@sca-altavia.org or baroness@sca-altavia.org. They would really like to have a few people from each Barony so that Their populace in Calafia isn't stretched quite so thin.

Our Yule celebration on December 8th will be truly spectacular! The theme is "1001 Altavian Nights" and the focus will have a Persian flare! We will have a delicious feast of Lemon-olive chicken, couscous, hummus and pita bread! More details will soon be forthcoming but we are very excited to celebrate the end of another grand year!

We try to take every opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to this Barony but it never feels sufficient. Please know that we are extremely appreciative for everything that you do for Altavia and Caid. We are indeed honored to call you friends.

*Yours in service to the Barony,
Baron Secca and Baroness Meliora*

Please volunteer during the war and, if you have no specific group to award your hours to, please consider donating your hours to Altavia. We are once again co-sponsoring a stone privy with the Barony of Gyldenholt so please help us keep it tidy during the war. We will have a schedule in the baronial encampment if you'd like to sign-up for a cleaning shift. We will provide all the supplies. Even if you would check on it whenever you pass by, we would truly appreciate it. It is the stone privy near merchants and the supplies are right next-door in headquarters. Thank you in advance!

Fall is just around the corner and we will hold our Agincourt Tournament on October 28th to determine our Archery and Thrown Weapons Champions! The theme will be Halloween and there will be lots of fun activities planned. Check the events section of our web site – www.sca-altavia.org for complete details!

November brings the Coronation of Prince Mansur ibn al-Sha'bi ibn Rafi and Princess Eilidh na Tire Dharigh in the barony of Starkhafn. We will have a presentation for Them (and for Patrick and Kara) so, please join us in the Altavia procession. If you are interested in serving on Their Royal Court,

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 3, 2012 -- Fall Coronation / QC (Starkhafn)
 Sunday, November 4, 2012 -- Fall Coronation / QC (Starkhafn)
 Friday, November 9, 2012 -- Known World Academy of the Rapier/Known World Costuming Symposium (Middle Kingdom)
 Saturday, November 10, 2012 -- Known World Academy of the Rapier/Known World Costuming Symposium (Middle Kingdom) & Calafia Anniversary & Isles Anniversary
 Sunday, November 11, 2012 -- Known World Academy of the Rapier/Known World Costuming Symposium (Middle Kingdom)
 Saturday, November 17, 2012 -- Naevehjem Anniversary
 Saturday, December 1, 2012 -- Winter Arts (Calafia) & Wintermist Anniversary
 Saturday, December 8, 2012 -- Altavia Yule & Gyldenholt/Lyondemere Yule & Nordwache Yule
 Saturday, December 15, 2012 -- Angels Yule & Dreiburgen Yule & Dun Or Yule & Starkhafn Yule

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Hark the Heralds

For the last several months, The Society has been considering submitted names and arms under two sets of rules. (This 'phase-in' period will end with the October Laurel meeting.)

Laurel produces some numbers of what has passed, and under which rules. I thought it would be interesting to compare these to other results from prior years.

The first set is the results of a meeting held in June 1979 to clear up a large backlog of names and arms that had accumulated. The meeting has been dubbed 'Heraldicon'. This may not be a typical meeting, but it's the earliest set of figures I could find. After this meeting, an early set of rules were put into use while Wilhelm von Schluessel was Laurel. He apparently did not have a phase in period for the new rules - he just expected them to be used after a certain date.

In 1989, the Rules for Submission (RfS) were put in place. These are essentially the rules that have been used up until this year. The plan was have a phase-in period from Oct 1989 through April 1990.

Results of 'Heraldicon'
(Oct 1979 Laurel letter - Wilhelm von Schluessel)

KINGDOM SUBMISSIONS	TOTAL	ACCEPTED	REJECTED
ANSTEORRA	50 5.3%	38 76.0%	12 24.0%
ATENVELDT	66 7.0%	44 66.7%	22 33.3%
CAID	108 11.4%	101 93.5%	7 6.5%
EAST	263 27.8%	176 66.9%	87 33.1%
MERIDIES	27 2.9%	22 81.5%	5 18.5%
MIDDLE	137 14.5%	72 52.6%	65 47.4%
WEST	296 31.3%	220 74.3%	76 25.7%
TOTAL	947 100%	673 71.1%	274 28.9%

(Laurel Letter Nov 1989 - Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane)

Following the procedures outlined above, the results of the meeting were as follows:

Passed under both sets of rules: 414 (203 name, 211 armorial)
 Returned under both sets of rules: 67 (25 name, 42 armorial)
 Passed under old rules, but not new: 5 (0 name, 3 armorial style, 2 armorial conflict)
 Passed under new rules, but not old: 34 (15 name, 7 armorial style, 12 armorial conflict)
 Holding names formed: 7
 Corrective Actions: 2
 Administrative Pends: 5

Excluding the holding names, corrective actions and administrative pends, 525 separate actions were taken. For a better comparison, in calculating the acceptance rate under the two sets of rules, we excluded these administrative categories. We then divided the total number of acceptances by the number of items (525). Using this formula, the acceptance rate under the old rules would have been 79.81%. The acceptance rate under the new rules would have been 85.33%.

July 2012 Laurel Letter (Gabriel Kjotvason)

From Pelican and Wreath: Submissions Analysis for July

During this transition period, we are sharing our counts of the results of considering submissions this month under both the Rules for Submissions and the Standards for Evaluation. These counts include registered or returned items only; no administrative actions such as transfers or acceptances, associations of existing armory, heraldic wills, or other such letters will be included in these counts.

"Armory style" and "armory conflict" indicate if a submitted item could only be passed under one rule set or the other due to conflict or style issues. For example, a submission that could not be registered under the old rules due to conflict but could be registered without conflict under the new standards will be counted as "passed under the new standards, but not old" as armory conflict.

Passed under both sets of rules: 314 total, 163 names, 151 armory

Returned under both sets of rules: 35 total, 5 names, 30 armory

Passed under old rules, but not new: 11 total, 6 names, 5 armory style, 0 armory conflict

Passed under new rules, but not old: 10 total, 2 names, 0 armory style, 8 armory conflict

If math is not your thing, it may be interesting to note that if all submissions were considered only under the Rules for Submissions, there would be an 87.8% success rate.

Considered only under the Standards for Evaluation, there would be an 87.5% success rate.

--T.H.L. Damien Von Baden



Banner Days

By: Lady Leonor de Sevilla

A couple months ago a few people from our lovely barony attended a Silk Flag Making Workshop. The class was an all-day outside event at Aston Hall and taught by Baroness Rebecca and Sir Philip. To participate in the class there were some steps that needed to be completed before attending, like designing your flag and transferring the design onto the silk. Designing my flag was super fun! The best part about it was that you could make your flag any shape you want!



Luca and I shared the large piece of silk (the silk is large enough so you can make 2 flags out of it, so two people almost always share a piece of silk) and on the day of the workshop we worked very closely while painting the dye onto the silk. We both chose to put our heraldry on our flags, and chose the “standard” style of medieval flag (the long rectangular-ish shape). The workshop was a lot of fun and they had lots of different colors of dye to paint with. I would recommend this class to anyone who wants to make their own silk flag mostly because it is a ton of fun and it is very affordable! Keep in mind though, that it is an all-day class and requires standing most of the day!

Photos below provided by Baroness Meliora from the September 12, 2012 Banner class:



Baronial Meeting Notes

July Baronial Meeting 2012

Opening --

Baronial Comments: Will not be at Festival of the Rose, but will be at Lyndemere Anniversary. Come on up! Great Western War pre-reg closes August 1. Don't forget to do so and get extra footage. If you don't pre-reg, you will not camp with Altavia. Come paint the shed. We have the 2013 Calendar and it will be uploaded to the Altavia Yahoo group for viewing. Going forward, Altavia will be requesting dates for CAID Rapier Open. Looking for an event Steward for 2013 Crown, but they needs to be someone that hasn't run an event in sometime (not the usual suspects, i.e. not someone that attends meetings). Unarmored combat, there are discussions on having it in the barony (i.e. promoting it, teaching it, having it at our practices, etc.). We are looking for someone to teach/mentor Unarmored Combat. It is roughly \$85-\$90 per sword. Tezar and Niko will reach out to various Unarmored fighters to see if they will come to Altavia and teach, helping Secca with researching this option.

Seneschal: Minutes approved. March and May approved. June is lost. Mercy will type notes (at least for now).

OLD BUSINESS

EVENTS:

Altavia Anniversary: Closed

Queen's Champion Archery: 24 Archers, 2 Youth, and 92 came through gate. [Cristofanus Castellani](#) for Archery. [Vigaulf Ranarsson](#) for Thrown Weapons. Fundraisers did well.

Altavia Equestrian Championship 2012: Lysette and Erica did a great job. Loved the tokens by Wolfe. Congrats to Lady Mayken de Houtman riding Jo-Jo. Didn't lose as much money as we thought.

NEW BUSINESS

EVENTS:

CAID Rapier Open: Going well. Rapier ropes need to come out. Need to organize pick up. Herald taken care of. Two week out reminder. Not a lot of tents should be brought (4-5). Pavilions ok. Dragon Wing will be brought.

CAID Archery Open: Lyndemere interested in hosting is at our location. Waiting for follow up.

Great Western War: (October 3-8) <http://caid-gww.org/> Splitting Privy Duty with Gyldenholt again this year. August 1st is the deadline for pre-reg and for getting your class printed in the GWW gatebook. Please send in classes asap! Even after deadline, feel free to send in classes. If you don't pre-reg for camp, you will NOT camp with the Barony. You have to pre-reg to land allocate. There is going to be a hand fasting 7:30 (Cecelia and Christophe) which will be a roving reception as well.

Agincourt: [Lynette] Haven't done anything since last month. No site officially. October 28th possible raffle that day. Might want to reach out to the Roving Rangers to attend.

Yule: [Flaxen Abbey] 1001 Arabian Nights is the theme. Have a date, talked to the church and reserved the date with them as well. Spoke to Jason about the food and got a proposed food: lemon olive chicken, humus, and pita bread. Still discussions about whether the populace will bring side dishes or desserts, etc.

Spring Crown: Needs an event steward and site for the privy council. Niko is looking into his church for it.

OFFICERS:

Archers: 10 Archers at each practice (there have been two practices in the last month). Achilles is the second CAID Royal archer. There have been 2 new archers and 2 new crossbow authorizations in the last month. We need quivers. One Altavian became a Chiron (Niko... congrats).

Arts & Sciences: Lynette did Kumihimo class in June. July is Card Weaving with Bridget. August is T-Tunics with Lorissa. September is Tim with book repair. October is open.

Chatelaine: June newcomer meeting 2 people showed up. Archery tourney was busy. Next newcomers meeting need all combat marshals for demos. Blue was at Archery practice chatelaining, and doing a great job.

Social Media: Everything has been updated and live.

Minster of Children: Nothing to report.

Chirurgion: Nothing to report (Cain not there). Tezar to contact Kingdom for rapier open. Cecelia offered her kit for the event as she will be at Pennsic.

Constable: Green bag that is Helgi's is at Tezar's. This is what he currently has in his possession: 4 pairs of men's shorts, an orange rug, and a wooden sword. An archer has two of our SCA signs which need to be picked up. Tezar needs the signs for Rapier Open. His Deputies are: Usif and Oliver.

Exchequer: One event made money and one didn't lose as much as was first thought. Going into the slower season now.

Herald: Not present and not going to the Heraldry meeting. Philip's device did get passed, however.

Lists: Matlens will be doing Caid open. Nothing else to report.

Marshals –

Armored: Practices are still continuing with 5-10 heavies per meeting. Helgi is having a pel practice an hour before hand, which is well attended. Dancing and Rapier is also happening at that meeting (Monday nights). Loaner gear is currently in ok condition, however in the winter there should be a repair night to be scheduled.

Equestrian: **NO REPORT IN.**

Rapier: 4 people last night with averages 4-7. A little slower the past months with people coming to the practices. Niko is now a full marshal with several others close to becoming one. Nathaniel is Gyldenholt's new champion.

Thrown Weapons: Regular practices are happening and there is a lot of Youth interest. Cecelia is trying to get a hold of Philip, but not getting any response (she needs to follow up to see if he is really going to take over the position and run the practices as well as other responsibilities of the position). Was advised by Seneschal to contact through email on the group list.

Youth Combat: 5 weeks in a row practice is going on. Send children over to practice!

Seneschal: Cecelia is Ish's second deputy.

Webwright: Suggestion was made to make a feed into the website from the CAID Wiki for Announcements. Saves time and extra clicks. She was given the ok to format the website in order to accomplish the feed.

St. Firmin: Summer break. Everyone is out. Nothing going on really until school starts up again.

August Baronial Meeting 2012

Opening --

Baronial Comments: [Baron] appreciated Niko defending Her Excellency online with the Birthday wishes/birthday discussion on the Yahoo group. If people wish to get a shout out from Her Excellency they need to let her know in advance (email her). Going to Crown, come on down! Also going to Privy Council, so if you have any issues to discuss there for them to bring up, let them know. Belly Dance, Youth combat as well as the culinary guild are going well. There was a request for another Ground Cloth to be made for another project it when over so well.

Equestrian is going down in attendance with all the various members leaving the area (moving) and interest levels waning. Will get with Baronial officer and see what sort of help she needs in order to get more activity for this area of interest. Still trying to get demos and Unarmored Combat going in the Barony and need to find a marshal for Unarmored in order to really get that going. Roisin can help us start unarmored. The weapons are \$75. In the process of working on this, but nothing definite.

We will be going to Highland War and would like to know how many people will be there to see what the "prescience" will be like. Great Western War pre-reg closed August 1.

Seneschal: Minutes not printed out and not approved unfortunately. They were uploaded early/on time and are posted on the Yahoo Group. Will make up next month. She will be at Crown (as well as the Barony). She requested that everyone keep their items close to them near the end of the day before it's time to start packing up, so packing up is easier.

Announced that all positions are good on Deputies. If anyone needs a Deputy, they should contact her.

OLD BUSINESS

EVENTS:

CAID Rapier Open: (7-28-2012) 96 People in attendance plus their majesties. 43 fighters – should have made money. Tezar is waiting for deposit back from the Park. Don Todd is the champion. Site was good size, able to hold everything needed, but it wouldn't have held a larger event. We were able to put up all 4 erics, as planned. Due to the shade covered tables, most people didn't bother to put their pavilions up, which was good because we could not have fit more than 2 or 3 more small pavilions. A total of 3 pavilions were used, with the baronial Dragonwing for the Royals, Mercy's for the Potters Guild Lunch and Dona Grace & Bert's.

ON GOING BUSINESS

EVENTS:

CAID Archery Open: Lyondemere interested in hosting is at our location. Waiting for follow up.

Great Western War: (October 3-8) <http://caid-gww.org/> Splitting Privy Duty with Gyldenholt again this year. Deadline for pre-reg passed. Even if you aren't camping with us, please take a volunteer shift if you can. There is going to be a hand fasting 7:30 (Cecelia and Christophe) which will be a roving reception as well. Come on by!

Agincourt: [Lynette] Tim and Lynette not here. She didn't make it into the CP, but the next month she'll get the write up in. Woodley not responding and the event are not on their calendar. She's making tokens and following up with lists and gate.

Yule: [Flaxen Abbey] 1001 Arabian Nights is the theme. Paperwork sent in. Theme settled, working on ad and budget. Selene to bring a second main dish an alternative. Recipes will be posted to help membership on the FB page once Monique sends CP write up and Social media can get the page up. Not much room for heating or refrigeration of food at the site, so that needs to be told to the populace. Hold Chess and Bardic champions at this event. Will be using Wolfe's beads for Tokens (Meliora has them).

Spring Crown: Griffin Freehold will be event steward together. There will be a personal heraldry display contest with a possible winner getting a hand silk painted banner class as the prize. Let the Baronesses be the judges. Niko is helping with the Privy council site (using his church's site).

OFFICERS:

Archers: Practices have been small. Ian came down to talk about period archery along with Achillos. A handful of people have come to the event. Christophe bought some arrows at Pennsic. We need quivers.

Arts & Sciences: Not here. No report sent in. She's doing another floor cloth. Check website for the most updated list of classes online. There is going to be a Period Pot Luck hosted by the Culinary Guild at Fighter Practice on August 27th. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Also a suggestion was made at the end of the meeting about a Baronial award for Culinary. Nothing was decided either way.

Chatelaine: 7/23 Newcomers class was combat forms. Thanks to all the various people that came to share their forms, but no newcomers showed up. Next one is 8/27. Blue is awesome....

Social Media: Waiting for new CP write ups for Agincourt and Yule. Once she gets those, she will put them up. At this point, all events are done and nothing is up other than the main Altavia page and sub-group pages.

Minster of Children: Please update name. Nothing else to report.

Chirurgion: Cain not there. Cecelia reported – had to give a Band-Aid to Chris Cogard at practice the day before this meeting.

Constable: All stuff given out. He has not stuff. Cecelia still has a sign that needs to get into his hands.

Exchequer: Not there. No report sent in. We assume we have money.

Herald: Not much to report. Won't be at Crown.

Lists: CAID Rapier Open went well. Nothing else to report.

Marshals –

Armored: Practices are going well. Less activity. He's been sick or at work. He did some research on plastic for the swords on unarmored and is looking for inexpensive materials. Will have a better idea for solutions by the next meeting.

Equestrian: New job started for her so she apologized for missing meetings. We need to figure out what sort of equipment is needed now since Arabella left the Kingdom and we were using a lot of her stuff. There has been no practice. We need to reach out to people to see who is still interested in Equestrian and in what. Many not going to GWW or taking breaks. Some have moved out of Kingdom. We need to rebuild and possibly move our stuff (possibly to a barn?). Need to figure things out.

Rapier: Rapier practices are going well. There has not been a surge due to rapier open, it is the standard slow down during summer and picking back up once school is back in and people are back from vacations.

Thrown Weapons: Having practice this Sunday at Woodley. The crowd only seems to come when Cecelia is there. Bought some throwing axes at Pennsic.

Youth Combat: Send children over to practice because Youth combat needs children! Many of the current Youth are either going into Rapier, aging out, or changing art forms. Bridget is going to look at doing some school demos and Liam to speak to Lyonette to try to get some new youth fighters. Marisa has a new full kit. There are 3-4 smaller kids (under 9) and 3 in the older brackets aging up within the next 12-18 months.

Need to rebuild some swords. Knights should help with youth combat and we should track who does.

Seneschal: 2013 Calendar came out with 2014 dates open now for requests. Should we ask for any events? The barony suggested asking for a Festival of the Rose as an extra Kingdom event for 2014. We appreciate everyone keeping up with all the practices in the heat. We are the great example of all the Baronies.

Webwright: Not here. Tim and Lynnette are out sick, but all was well with the webwright in her phoned in report.

St. Firmin: Not back in session yet. Trying to get a demo planned mid to late September. Need help. Need officers (especially exchequer) by October. She will be trying to change the status of the club from a sports club to a hobby or culture. She will also try to host some games on campus.

Comments: Need to set up a shop night. Shoshanna in Simi Valley needs a ride to events. Can you please contact Her Excellency if you are interested in helping her.

September 11, 2012 is the next meeting and the theme is Red, White and blue.

September Baronial Meeting 2012

Opening --

Baronial Comments: [Baroness] Shop night on the 18th at Scenic Highlights after 5:00pm. Please come by if you need to repair your armor, work on art projects or want to help with largess/Altavian Projects (Next Tuesday). Had a great banner class. If anyone wants to take said banner class in the future this Saturday or the next one, it's \$35 and everything is provided. Contact the Baroness for more information.

GWW is coming up. Saturday Night is a hand fasting.

We need to come up with baronial gifts for next year (Baroness likes the screen food cover that Gyldenholt uses on their tourney table).

Will be at Drieburgen with Dragonwing.

There are some concerns about armored practice and attendance of fighters (and lack thereof). Attendance has been down/low. Need more fighters. What do we need to do in order to encourage more fighters to come? Is it because of the weather they aren't coming? Concerned we are losing newcomers because of lack of fighters/activity/no one to fight. Maybe look at doing classes or getting more knights to come? Uilliam to look into this for the next practice.

[Baron] Unarmored Marshal was introduced and presented at meeting (Ouregan). There will be classes at GWW and get information out via internet. We will have a marshal and deputy for this form, as well as having hopefully a champion at Altavia Anniversary.

Seneschal: Minutes for July and August approved (and posted online). Cleaning officers' list/yahoo group. If she doesn't have your address, please send in. Q3 reports are all in. Fall Crown 2014 and Festival of the Rose 2014 have been requested at Kingdom.

OLD BUSINESS

EVENTS:

Altavian Equestrian: (6-30-2012) CLOSED

CAID Rapier Open: (7-28-2012) Waiting for deposit back.

ON GOING BUSINESS

EVENTS:

CAID Archery Open: Lyondemere handling it.

Great Western War: (October 3-8) <http://caid-gww.org/> Splitting Privy Duty with Gyldenholt again this year. Please sign up to volunteer at GWW in order to clean the bathrooms at GWW (we sponsor one with Gyldenholt). If you are walking by, please just stop in and make sure everything is clean and stocked. Get a volunteer card! Lots of stuff to do and get credit for! Your volunteer hours turn into points/money that can help various groups (baronies, guilds, shires, etc.) and you can choose where it goes to. Don't throw away the hours! Volunteer and fill out those cards!

Agincourt: [Lynette] Site tokens done, Halloween theme, pumpkins and bats... she's on it. Leather favors made by Cecelia (sleeve tamers), need kid's prizes and Niko to work out the Novelty shoots.

Yule: [Flaxen Abbey] All is going well. Putting in ad this month. Need to figure out budget. Yule meeting needs to be put together. Possible idea for a Gluten Free food contest. Several ideas for food contests thrown about including culinary champion. Still open to suggestions and working things through.

Spring Crown: [Lorissa] Same location as Anniversary, theme is Heraldry. Lorissa spoke to several B&Bs to get them to judge the contests. Niko to deal with the Privy council site and Meliora needs to look at the site with him.

Altavia Anniversary: [May-2013] Need Event Steward (however there might be one already, just waiting for final ok).

Altavia Equestrian: [2013] Need Event Steward.

OFFICERS:

St. Firmin: New members – we need to focus with the new semester. She's hunting for a deputy (exchequer). Would like to do an event to get people involved, but needs help in getting that going/together. Bridget suggested she would help her.

Archers: No practice Labor Day weekend Sunday. Less than 5 people the last few practices. Will bring pop up to help ward against the sun. 22nd is the archery open. QC is being done by Angels on the 28th, which isn't on the calendar. We have some donations coming in.

Arts & Sciences: T-Tunic class was completed, 3 students took it, and now we are thinking of doing a simple pants class. Blue is willing to do a pasanky egg class at Lorissa's house. September is book repair, with November and December still open. Bawdy Bardic is an idea for a class.

Chatelaine: 8/27 Newcomers class was A&S. 3 people came and people brought stuff. 9/24 is the next one which is Camping in the SCA. Bridget is also serving on a mock court for Angel's newcomer classes with Lynette. Come by! If anyone needs any loaner garb for War, please let her know early before the event.

Social Media: Agincourt is up.

Minster of Children: Get with Fara as she is helping someone make children's' clothing for four children. Has fabric.

BTW, she is having a boy! (Congrats!)

Chirurgion: So far so good (Cecelia).

Chronicler: Deadlines are now on the yahoo groups and showing up. Deadline for the next Fret Knot is the 25th. Next issue should be coming out in the end of October barring any issues with GWW or real life.

Constable: Has orange and red rug. Altavia signs are at the shop and need to get to his hands.

Exchequer: We have money, but not as much as before as we are writing checks.

Herald: Talking to people but not at the last meeting. If you have anything, bring it completed to GWW to herald point to process. He will be at the herald meeting on the 31st.

Lists: No report.

Marshals –

Armored: Shop night happening. \$35 for plastic for armor swords. Can he buy? Several comments at the meeting say they don't like them, and recommended not to buy.

Equestrian: Nothing new to report. Still working on it.

Rapier: [Niko] Practice fell down after CAID Open, 4 to 5. At Angels Anniversary, Altavian's/Altavia did well.

Thrown Weapons: Practice this Sunday. Ryan will be making us knives as well as Vigulf. Ryan will bring them to GWW. Practice has been good. Thrown weapons attract people and it's on the Woodley calendar. [Seneschal] Ish thanks Cecelia for stepping back up as Thrown Weapons officer for us. She will be doing this until she trains Vigulf. Philip stepped down as his mundane life was taking too much time.

Youth Combat: Doing all right. Please send small people. New family showed up last night and hopefully they will be continuing. Swords need to be made.

Unarmored: [Ouregan] Roisin 3rd Monday practice will be when she comes to run unarmored. Owain can run on Thursday's whenever he can. She will authorize at GWW. Need to talk about loaner gear and see how much it all is (budget). Need to find out what is needed.

Seneschal: Keep your authorizations up to date.

Webwright: Nothing to report. Meliora wants to suggest that Monday nights there is no practice on Monday holidays.

Other: Other Venice Film Festival on October 13th-14th was an opportunity for a demo. Do we want to do it?

Mercy to send info on the differences in the website/something that needs to be updated/changes.

Baronial Cooking Award needs a side bar.

QC Archer come and helps them.

Next Baronial meeting will be October 16th.



A Feast During the Time of Chaucer

Contributed by THL Johnnae llyn Lewis, CE

Whan that Aprille with his shoures sote
The droght of Marche hath perced to the rote

Chaucer. *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*

Can we think of April and springtime and not think of Geoffrey Chaucer? *The Canterbury Tales* are full of references to eating and drinking, of courtly manners, and dietary customs. One of main characters is the Cook, whose brief tale began with talk of the “craft of vitailliers.”

But what did Chaucer eat when at court? We know in part what the court of Richard II ate because Richard’s master cooks left behind a famed treatise on cookery known as the *Forme of Cury*. It’s been available in print since 1780, but the best, edited scholarly version came out a generation ago under the title *Curye on Inglysch*. Professors C. B. Hieatt and Sharon Butler did a magnificent job of publishing a number of 14th century texts in that volume, including the *Forme of Cury*. Technology doesn’t stand still, however, and print has given way to digital formats. John Rylands University Library, now known as the University of Manchester Library, in England digitized their copy of the *Forme of Cury* and placed it online in 2009. Readers can now view the Ryland manuscript at:

<http://enriqueta.man.ac.uk/luna/servlet/detail/Man4MedievalVC~4~4~2048~100017>

or link to it and a transcription at <http://www.medievalcookery.com/etexts.html>

Far less known about than the *Forme of Cury*, we also have the details of a rather splendid wedding banquet that Geoffrey Chaucer probably personally attended in 1368. We say probably because like much of Chaucer’s life, it’s not exactly known where he was or his activities or the exact dates when something happened, up to and including both his birth and his death. What we do know is Chaucer (circa 1340?-1400?) spent time in the service of the English prince Lionel of Antwerp, Duke of Clarence, the surviving second son of King Edward III. Lionel of Antwerp (1338–1368) was affianced and then married to the rich heiress Elizabeth de Burgh, Countess of Ulster in childhood. Their daughter Philippa was born in 1355 and would grow up to marry the Edmund Mortimer, 3rd Earl of March. (Her great-great grandson would be Edward IV.) It was intended that Duke Lionel should manage the affairs of the Crown in Ireland and his wife’s inheritance, and beginning in 1362, he began to do so. Lionel was never particularly interested or adept at managing the Irish, however, and left Ireland permanently in 1366. His wife Elizabeth (born 1332) had passed away in 1363 so another rich marriage was being arranged for the Royal Prince. This time King Edward III looked abroad to far off Italy and arranged the marriage of his second son to Violante, the only daughter of Galeazzo Visconti, Lord of Pavia and Milan. After his so-so career in Ireland, it was hoped Lionel would be able to claim a rich dowry and carve out a career for himself in Italy. The bride is thought to have been as young as 13, although other sources indicate she was perhaps 15.

There’s circumstantial evidence that the young Chaucer was part of the company of over 450 men who accompanied Lionel on his trip across France, Savoy, and Italy to meet his bride. It is known that Chaucer was away from England for much of 1368, but was he accompanying Lionel or was he acting on some unknown matter in the service of King Edward III. As a side note, if Chaucer did attend the wedding in the spring of 1368, the question arises about Chaucer meeting the great Italian poet Petrarch at the wedding banquet or sometime else on this Italian trip. Petrarch was seated at

the first table at the feast as an honored guest. It is also known the famed Chronicler of the Hundred Years War, Jean Froissart was present, as was the English mercenary John Hawkwood, who was in service at this time to the bride's uncle Bernabo Visconti.

Following the wedding, which was held in either late May or early June 1368, a most magnificent wedding feast was held in Milan. Although it appears occasionally in other volumes on Chaucer and in works on the 14th century, the best and still most accessible account of the feast appears in **The Last Months of Chaucer's Earliest Patron** by Albert S. Cook. The classic account of the feast by the Italian Paulus Jovius (1483-1552) was recorded long after the event, though no doubt based on now missing or unrecorded "good contemporary authorities." There were also additional accounts of the ostentatious banquet, including descriptions in Corio, the *Annals of Milan*, the *Chronicle of Montferrat*, Aliprando's *Cronica della Cittad di Mantova (Antiquitate's Italicce)* and works identified as *Fragments*. Albert Cook sat down with these accounts and worked to reconcile them to produce his work on Lionel.

The feast may have taken place directly after the wedding or in the evening in the courtyard of the public square, which adjoined the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. There were two tables. Accounts vary as to number of seated guests. Perhaps there were two tables of 50 each or just 57 guests in all or perhaps a table of 50 and a table of 57. (There is also the possibility the male guests were seated by their ladies, so the gentlemen might serve the ladies from the double portion dishes. This is what Cook proposes in one of the numerous footnotes. Or perhaps the men and women were seated at separate tables.) Stow in *Annales* for 1368 writes of "above 30 course of service upon the table..."

In reconciling the accounts Albert Cook came up with this menu:

- 1) The first course was served double for the duke's table – meat and fish. There were suckling pigs, gilded, with fire in their mouths; the fish were porcelain-crabs [or perhaps sea-snails, also gilded.
- 2) The second meat course was of hares, gilded; the fish course was of pike, gilded.
- 3) The third meat-course was a large calf, gilded. The fish-course was of trout, gilded.
- 4) The fourth meat-course was of quails and partridges, gilded. The fish-course was of roasted trout, gilded.
- 5) The fifth meat-course was of ducks and herons, gilded. The fish-course was carp, gilded.
- 6) The sixth meat-course was of beef and fat capons with sauce of garlic and vinegar. The fish-course was sturgeons in water.
- 7) The seventh meat-course was of capons and meat [veal?] in lemon sauce. The fish-course was tench [pesce?] in lemon sauce.
- 8) The eighth meat-course was beef pies [with the dough kneaded up with cheese and sugar?] served with cheese. The fish-course was of large eels in pies. [sugared and with good spices.]
- 9) The ninth meat-course was of meat aspic. [with chicken aspic?] The fish-course was of fish aspic.
- 10) The tenth meat-course was meat-galantine. The fish-course was galantine of lampreys.
- (11) The eleventh meat-course was of roasted kids. The fish-course was of roasted garfish.
- 12) The twelfth meat-course was of hares and kids in chive sauce or pickle. The fish-course was of various fish in chive sauce.

- 13) The thirteenth meat-course was of venison and beef in moulds. [with sauce of sugar and lemon.] The fish-course was of fish turned inside-out (?) [perhaps a subtletie?]
- 14) The fourteenth meat-course was of capon and fowls in red sauce and green, with oranges. The fish-course was of tench turned inside-out.
- 15) The fifteenth meat-course was of peacocks, with cabbage, French beans, and pickled ox tongue. The fish-course was of carp.
- 16) The sixteenth meat-course was of roasted rabbits, peacocks, field fares (game birds?) and ducklings. The fish-course was of roasted eels.
- 17) The seventeenth course was of junkets and cheese.
- 18) The eighteenth course was of fruit, including cherries.

Aliprando adds that after the ladies and gentlemen had washed, wine and then confections were served. (Albert Cook, "The Banquet" pp. 66-73.)

Besides the foods, lavish quantities of wine were served. Each course also featured the exchange of costly gifts. For example, the 12th course featured gifts of "six great coursers, with gilded saddles and trimmings, wrought with the arms of Galeazzo and the duke, six lances, six shields, and six [steel] hats gilded. . . ." Other gifts included cloth of gold, twelve sparrow hawks, six falcons, greyhounds, gold and silver plate, cups, and basins, more horses, fat cattle, embroidered furniture, and jewels. And so ends the account of the wedding feast of Duke Lionel and Duchess Violante.

It was a magnificent feast, but a far less successful marriage. Lionel died of a fever on October 17, 1368, less than five months after the wedding. There has always been talk of poison, but as Frances Saunders notes his death was "after a "lingering sickness." The Plantagenets did not have strong stomachs (his brother, the Black *Prince*, would die in 1376 of digestive disorders)." (Saunders, 145) Years later, Lionel's body was transported to England and buried at Clare, in the church of the Augustine Friars in Suffolk, beside the body of his first wife Elizabeth. Violanti would marry twice more and be dead by November 1386.

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Upcoming Baronial Events

AGINCOURT

The Battle of Agincourt was a decisive victory for the English during the Hundred Years War. The French were sure their superior numbers and the crossbow would bring a swift victory to France. The outnumbered Englishmen with their longbows proved them wrong. C'est la vie!

The Barony of Altavia invites you to join us on October 28, 2012 at Woodley Park archery range as we celebrate the 597th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. Altavia's Archery and Thrown Weapons champions (adult and youth) will be decided from the day's competitors!

Young archers and throwers of Caid are welcome. They may participate if they have passed the proper authorizations and met the following requirements: Persons 14 through 17 years of age must have a properly executed minor's waiver and medical authorization form on their person; a parent or legal guardian must sign them into the thrown weapons competition. Persons under 14 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian in attendance with them at the event. Our Youth champion categories are: Youth Archery 10 and under, Youth Archery 11 and up, and Youth Thrown Weapons (all ages).

Fiber Playday: Come sit under the trees, watch the competition, play with fibers, work on unfinished projects, and maybe learn a new hobby.

Merchants: Merchants are welcome within the confines of the archery range. Please contact the Event Steward for merchant information and reservations.

Schedule for the Day:
8 am Site opens
10 am Opening Court
5 pm Closing Court
6 pm Site closes

Site: Woodley Park is at 6331 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406 in the Sepulveda Dam Basin Recreation Area, between Burbank and Victory.

More information: Children are welcome at the site but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Pets are NOT allowed on site. THIS IS A DRY SITE. Seriously - DRY SITE. Sharp projectiles and alcohol do not mix.

Fees: \$3 for members (Proof of membership is required). Attendees 12 and under are guests of the Barony. A \$5 non-member surcharge applies for all attendees over 12 years. Please make checks payable to SCA Inc. / Barony of Altavia.

Directions to the event: Take your favorite freeway to the 405 and journey to the San Fernando Valley. o From South of the event, that's the 405 North; o From North of the event, that's the 5 South to the 405 South. Exit at Burbank Blvd and turn West. The Sepulveda Basin is now to your right (if you cross Sepulveda Blvd, you are going the wrong way). At Woodley, turn right. Look for a sign that bears the legend "Japanese Gardens". Turn right towards the gardens. Just before entering the gardens, turn right on the access road that traverses that park picnic grounds. Continue along this road until you reach a traffic circle. The Archery range is on the left, up the hill. Parking is limited up near the range, but overflow parking is available alongside the range, behind the paved lot.

Event Steward:

- Archery Marshal: THL Nikolaos Phaistos -- archery@sca-altavia.org
- Thrown Weapons Marshal: THL Cecilia Medici -- tw@sca-altavia.org
- Event Steward: Dame Lynnette de Sandoval del Valle de los Unicornios -- Agincourt@sca-altavia.org



Upcoming Baronial Events

1,001 Altavian Nights! Altavia Yule

This year Altavia is Rockin' the Casbah!

The Baron and Baroness of Altavia would like to invite the populace to celebrate Yule, Persian style on December 8, 2012. Come and mingle with belly dancers, drummers, magicians, genies and thieves.

There will be several contests throughout the evening including our new annual culinary contest, "The Fretted Fork" for those who want to Scheherazade their cooking skills with us! Documentation and incorporating the theme will earn bonus points. Also, a people's choice dessert contest, a table decorating contest (open flames are okay, but must be enclosed and the container must be an inch above the flame) and a costume contest. (please set aside a small portion of your food entries for judging and bring a list of ingredients.)

Their Excellencies will also determine the new Bard of Altavia. Singers, dancers, musicians, drummers, poets and magicians Al-addin' to make the evening an event to remember! The theme of the competition will go along with the evening: 1,001 Altavian Nights. We will be sponsoring our annual Baronial Chess Championship Tournament games as well. Please bring your cards or dice or other games to share. Drinks are allowed in the gaming room, but please no food.

We have two wonderful main dishes planned for the evening, a lamb dish and a chicken with olives dish and couscous. Please bring a side dish (surname beginning with A-M) or a dessert (surname beginning with N-Z) to share with 8-12 people and add to the buffet table. Please let us know if you'd like your offering to be considered for one of the competitions. Humor us and prepare something with a Persian or Middle Eastern theme!

Feast space is limited so please contact the event steward for feast reservations. For reservations, please email the event steward a name to hold the reservation under and how many in your party. Please pay for feast at the door. Reservations not claimed by 4PM will be opened up to the waiting list.

Those who are unable to attend the feast are invited to join us for the revel afterwards! Just be sure not to Sin-bad-ly by stepping on your consorts foot!

We are planning on a limited, big ticket item raffle. Please contact the Yule event steward before December 5th to donate. No raffle donations will be accepted the day of the event. No elephants, please.

We will also be collecting toys for "Toys for Tots". So please, anyone who is able, bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate. We will have a donation box near the entrance.

3:00 PM - Site opens to the populace. For those interested in table decorating, come early and get started. We will also have Games Available at this time as well!

4:00-6:00 PM - Feast!

4:00-6:00 PM - Altavia Bardic Champion competition (during the feast)

6:30 PM - Dessert judging

6:30-10:15 PM - Revel - Dancing, games and music

10:15-10:45 PM - Clean up

11:00 PM Off site

Note: There will be a brief court after feast.

Site Fees: \$12 for Feast and revel. \$6 for Revel only. \$5 Surcharge for non-members. \$8 for Feast and Revel (\$4 for Revel only) for Children 4-12. Children 3 and under are guests of the Barony. (please make checks payable to SCA,

Inc./Barony of Altavia)

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City, 12355 Moorpark St, Studio City, CA 91604 ([map](#))

Directions: Take your favorite route to the 101. Exit Laurel Canyon Turn South (Right from East, Left from West) onto Laurel Canyon (towards Ventura Blvd) then turn right onto Moorpark St. The Church is on the Right (north) side of Moorpark, Five blocks west of Laurel Canyon. There is a small church parking lot and street parking on Moorpark.

The Church grounds are non-smoking: please smoke on the sidewalk or in the alley.

This is a Wet Site: Please consume responsibly or the Vizier may throw you under a very ferocious camel.

Steward: Lady Monique Marie Sauniere (Flaxen Abbey) yule@sca-altavia.org



Upcoming Baronial Events

SPRING CROWN TOURNEY, AS XLVII

The Barony of Altavia invites you to join us for Spring Crown! Caid's finest will contest for the honor of their consorts and the glory of Caid beneath the shady trees at Veterans Park in Sylmar.

When: Feb. 23, 2013

Where: Veteran's Memorial Park
13000 Sayre Street
Sylmar, CA 91342

Set up: 7am

Opening court: 10am (at the discretion of TRMs)

Closing court: 4:30pm (at the discretion of TRMs)

Park closes: 6pm

Site fees:

\$6 for members with proof of membership, \$3 for children 4-12, Children under 3 are guests of the Barony. A \$5 non-member surcharge will apply for non-members over the age of 12.

Pets are welcome on a leash and this is a DRY site.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the event steward, Viscountess Lorissa du Griffin, OP at crown@sca-altavia.org



Altavia Current Champions

- ❖ Archery **THL James Everglad** 10/23/11
- ❖ Armored Combat **Duke Edric Aaron Hartwood** 5/11/12
- ❖ Arts & Sciences **Baroness Bridget Lucia Mackenzie** 5/11/12
- ❖ Bardic **Baroness Bridget Lucia Mackenzie** 12/10/11
- ❖ Chess **Natasha Bersov** 12/10/11
- ❖ Equestrian **Lady Mayken de Houtman** riding **Jo-Jo** 6/30/12
- ❖ Rapier Combat **Don Laertes Blackavar McBride** 5/11/12
- ❖ Thrown Weapons **Ihon MacLucas** 10/23/11
- ❖ Youth Archery **Joseph of Altavia** 10/23/11
- ❖ Youth Combat (0 to 6 years) - **Nicholai Stagghorn** 5/11/12
- ❖ Youth Combat (7 to 9 years) - **Dakota** 5/11/12
- ❖ Youth Combat (10 to 13 years) - **Dante** 5/11/12
- ❖ Youth Thrown Weapons **Lady Kora Aelfbairn** 10/23/11





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Ways to Stay Connected

Altavia has numerous ways of keeping in contact with you, keeping you informed and active. We welcome you to participate however way you feel most comfortable with. Here are several links in order to always keep up with what's going on with the Barony and the SCA.

Altavia's Website: www.sca-altavia.com

Altavia's Yahoo Groups Page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Altavia/join>

Altavia's Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/297336603655499/>

CAID's Website: <http://sca-caid.org/>

CAID's Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/3533625108/>



Meetings & Practices in the Barony

Business Meetings

- **Council Meeting**

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at CSUN: Meeting room, parking info and maps are available on the [CSUN Meeting Site Info page](http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html): <http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html>

This is the monthly business meeting for the group. There are officer reports, event reports, discussion of Baronial involvement at the Kingdom Level, choosing new officers, when necessary, and announcements. Baronial decisions are made here, and you do have a voice. **Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting!**

Pre-Meeting work session and officers arrive by 7:00pm. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

Contact the [Seneschal](#) for details

- **Newcomers' Meeting**

Once a month, usually on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: Off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts. This is the same location as our weekly Fighter Practice.

We meet at the stone tables next to the restrooms; look for Bridget's Red Lantern!

These classes cover a general overview of the SCA and the types of events we hold in Caid. Please bring your questions and wonderful smiles. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

This is the plan for our Newcomers Meetings!

- Nov 26, 2012 -- Heraldry and Persona
- Dec 2012 -- Happy Holidays!

Contact the [Chatelaine](#) (chatelaine@sca-altavia.org) for directions.

Combat Practices

- **Archery Practice**

The first and third Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 3:00pm At Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are <http://woodleyparkarchers.org/direction>

Additional practice times are available most **Tuesday and Friday nights**. Contact the [Captain of Archers](#) to verify dates and times.

Contact ahead for loaner gear. Lord Everglad is there on most Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings for authorization tests and help in shooting.

Contact the [Captain of Archers](mailto:archery@sca-altavia.org) (archery@sca-altavia.org) for more information.

- **Equestrian Practice**

Practices are held on various Fridays of every month, 6:30-8:30PM at Conejo Creek Equestrian Park, 1350 Avenida de las Flores, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

Open to any participants regardless of territory of residence. Rider must bring their own mounts. Unmounted ground crew training available. Authorizations available. Jousting, mounted combat, crest combat, mounted games, marshalette/marshalette-in-training, and general riding authorizations available on site. General driving and driving games authorizations available subject to prior coordination. Mounted archery authorizations available offsite. Riders are advised to bring their normal tack and equipment. No rental horses are available. Minors must have a parent or guardian present at all times.

Please contact the [Marshal in Charge: Lady Lysette](mailto:equestrian@sca-altavia.org) (equestrian@sca-altavia.org). For more information, visit the [CAID equestrian site](http://equestrian.sca-caid.org/) (http://equestrian.sca-caid.org/) or the [Altavia Equestrian webpage](http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/Equestrian/index.html). (http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/Equestrian/index.html). Join the [Altavian Equestrian Email group](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AltavianEquestrian/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AltavianEquestrian/)

2011 Schedule:

- July 13, 2012
- Aug. 10, 2012
- Sept. 14, 2012
- Nov. 9, 2012
- Dec. 14, 2012

- **Fighter Practice -- Armored Combat**

Every Monday, 7:00pm to 9:30pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the [Heavy Weapons Marshal](mailto:heavy@sca-altavia.org) (heavy@sca-altavia.org) for more information or to request to join the [practice information E-mail list](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fretfights/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fretfights/).

Every Thursday, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at [Northridge Park](#), 18300 Lemarsh St. Northridge, CA 91324. Find us on the Reseda Blvd. side of the park. Hosted by St. Firmin. Contact the [THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth](#) for more information.

[Guardians of the High Road webpage](http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road) (http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road)

- **Fighter Practice -- [Rapier](#)**

Every Monday, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the [Rapier Marshal](#) for more information

Every Thursday, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at [Northridge Park](#), 18300 Lemarsh St. Northridge, CA 91324. Find us on the Reseda Blvd. side of the park. Hosted by St. Firmin. Contact the [THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth](#) for more information.

[Guardians of the High Road webpage](http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road) (http://wiki.caid-commons.org/index.php/Guardians_of_the_High_Road)

- **Fighter Practice -- Youth Combat**

Twice a month - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30pm to 8:00pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block near the tennis courts.

Contact the [Youth Combat Marshal](#) for more information

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- **Thrown Weapons Practice**

The first and third Sunday of the month, 11:00am to 2:30pm at Woodley Park Archery Range, directions are <http://woodleyparkarchers.com/directions.html>

Contact ahead for loaner gear. Lord Everglad is there on most Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings for authorization tests and help in shooting.

Contact the [Thrown Weapons Marshal](#) (tw@sca-altavia.org) for more information and to varyify dates and times.

Arts & Sciences

- **Arts & Science Workshops (aka Craft Nights)**

The 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at CSUN, [Meeting site info](http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html) (<http://www.sca-altavia.org/Meetings/CSUN.html>). Bring your sewing or craft project to work on or help us make Baronial Presentations. The meetings sometimes have a project theme, which is usually published on the [Altavia E-mail list](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/) (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/altavia/>).

Contact [A&S Officer](#) (arts@sca-altavia.org) for details.

- **Bardic Circle**

Hosted by Baron Sir Charles of Dublin at the home of Baron Sir Robear du Bois. Contact [the A&S officer](#) (bardic@sca-altavia.org) for directions. The Bardic Circle will be pick, pass or play. For those who are new, this means that, as we go around the circle, you have the choice of:

1. Picking someone to perform something you like or something they want to do
2. Passing your turn to the next person
3. Performing yourself

This way you can relax & listen, perform, hear your favorites, or mix it up.

Contact [The A&S officer](#) (bardic@sca-altavia.org) for dates, directions, and further information.

- **Children's Activities**

Children's activities are held at every event that Altavia sponsors.

Contact the [Children's Officer](mailto:children@sca-altavia.org) (children@sca-altavia.org) for information or offers to help.

- **Culinary Guild**

Special interest group for All Things Delicious to eat and drink, by the Barony of Altavia, the north-west Los Angeles County group of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Everyone is welcome in our discussions of recipes, historical research and events based around the food and beverages of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Meetings happen once a month. Contact the Guild through their Facebook page here: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/242868192471271/> or contact Baroness Asakura Mashime for information (chronicler@sca-altavia.org)

- **Dance Practice**

Belly Dance every Monday, 7:30pm at [Verdugo Park](#) in Burbank, 3201 West Verdugo, Burbank CA, 91505. Directions: off of Verdugo, turn North onto California and we are on the right hand side, half way down the block).

Tribal style belly dance practice. We have a mixture of absolute beginners, beginners and old pros. It's outside so dress warmly. Its lots of fun!

We are near the tennis courts and, as we practice next to the Heavies Fighters, just look for the fierce men and women in armor!

English Country Dance, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at CSUN, [Meeting site info](#).

No previous dance knowledge, equipment, or expertise is needed – but bring water - dancing takes more energy than you think. Garb is encouraged, but not required. The main focus will be English Country dancing, but we may introduce a few sets of some more international dances as well – depending on who is teaching that month. Special instructors and sets may be announced when/if they are known. If you are already skilled at dancing, and are willing to teach a dance or three to others; don't hesitate to contact [Meala Caimbeul](#) and we can make that happen! Likewise, if you want to learn a specific dance – ask and I'll do my very best to make that happen too.

Contact [Baroness Meliora Deverel](mailto:bellydance@sca-altavia.org) (bellydance@sca-altavia.org) for more information or to request to join their practice and event information E-mail group. For English Country Dance, contact Meala Caimbeul (dance@sca-altavia.org) for more details.

- **Potters Guild of Caid**

Meets once a month, contact [Baroness Asakura no Mashi](mailto:chronicler@sca-altavia.org) (chronicler@sca-altavia.org) for meeting times and location. To provide a supportive organization for ceramic artists of all skill levels. To provide an opportunity to network and share knowledge and techniques through workshops, special events, and at Arts and Sciences displays. To provide populace awareness and appreciation for ceramic artists and their work. To promote period creation, education and high quality work among our members.

[Potters guild of CAID Yahoo group](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Potters_guild_of_CAID/) (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Potters_guild_of_CAID/)

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