

THE GATEKEEPER

Barony of Unser Hafen

December 2017



Contents

Again, I apologise as only some of the links work.
I am at a complete loss as to why some do and some do not.
They have been done and redone, and redone.....

[Kingdom Calendar](#)
[Northern Calendar](#)
[What's Going On in Our Barony](#)
[Awards](#)
[Fighter Practice](#)
[Want Ad](#)
[Archery Practice](#)
[Arts & Sciences in Unser Hafen](#)
[Yule at Wellmark Keep](#)
[Tri Baronial A&S Competition](#)
[Calligraphy Lessons](#)
[Getting to Know Our Populace](#)
[A Message from our Seneschal](#)
[A Message from our Baronial Scribe](#)
[A Message from our Hospitaller](#)
[A Message from our Chronicler and A&S Minister](#)
[Links to our Website and Social Media](#)
[Our Court, Retinue and Officers](#)

KINGDOM CALENDAR

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
November 2017				
4	Barony of Dragonsspine	Holiday Bazaar		Adelaisa

11-12	Shire of Nahrn Kabirun	Coronation	K/Q/P/P	
18	Barony of al-Barran	al-Barran Day of A&S	Q	Hardwin
18	Shire of Windkeep	Harvest Celebration		Ursula
19	Barony of al-Barran	Toys for Tots	Q	Alexander
December 2017				
2	Shire of Rio de las Animas	Yule Revel	Q	Ra
2	Barony of Unser Hafen	Yule at Wellmark Keep		Rosalind
2	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine A&S		Attani
9-10	Barony of Caer Galen	Caer Galen Midwinter and War Practice	K/Q	Michaelangelo
16-17	Barony of al-Barran	al-Barran Midwinter and War Practice	K/Q	Bronwen
January 2018				
6	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	Twelfth Night	K/Q	Tariq & Elieth
6-7	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe 12th Night & War Practice		Dianna & Alasdair
13	Barony of Aarquelle	Viking Vinter Vonderlandt		Felicita
20	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	12th Night Feast and War Practice	K/Q	Mariah
27	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine Candlemas	K/Q	Antonio
27	Shire of Bryngolau	St Brigid's Day Celebration		Llywus
February 2018				
3	Barony of Caer Galen	Tri-Baronial		Elizabeth
3	Shire of Plattefordham	Candlemas		Fjolverkr
17	Kingdom of Calontir	Winter War Maneuvers		Gyda
20-26	Kingdom of Atenveldt	Estrella War XXXIV	K/Q	

March 2018				
10-11	Barony of al-Barran	Crown Tournament	K/Q/P/P	
23-25	Shire of Nahrn Kabirun	Siege of the City	K/Q	John & Timir
April 2018				
14	To Be Determined	Kingdom A&S Competition	Q	
21	Barony of Unser Hafen	Brewer's Feast and Social		Kathryn & Gwenllian
28	Barony of Aarquelle	Spring Defender Albuquerque		Audrey
28	Barony of al-Barran	Renaissance Faire - DEMO		Elisee
May 2018				
5-6	Barony of Caerthe	Coronation	K/Q/P/P	
24-28	Barony of al-Barran	Grand Outlandish XLV		Belatumara & Fieren
June 2018				
8-10	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine's Champions		Broddi
8-10	Kingdom of Aethelmearc	Known World Heraldry and Scribes Symposium		Alaric
July 2018				
6-8	Barony of Aarquelle	Rapier Camp		Piero
13-15	Shire of Bryngolau	Mountain Pas & Highland Games		Isouda
14	Barony of Dragonsspine	Thynaire Pas d'Arms		Lydia
27-29	Shire of Rio de las Animas	Defender of the Silverpass		Ronan
August 2018				
29-3	Kingdom of the Outlands	Battlemoor IX		Rowland & Generica

Northern Calendar

Dec 2 - Yule at Wellmark Keep - Countess Rosalind

Dec 9 - Caer Galen Midwinter - Caer Galen

Jan 6 - Caerthe 12th Night - Caerthe

What's Going on in our Barony:

- **Fighter Practice and Baronial Gathering** - Off until 2018.
- **Rapier Practice** - Watch Facebook.
- **Rams Keep Fencing Practice** - Mondays in Edwards Hall, CSU, at 6:30. All are welcome! If you arrive after 7 please call to be let in: Haggis 970.227.4651 or Vivian 415.902.7199.
- **Dance Practice** - First Tuesday of the month in Edwards Hall, CSU, at 6:30. All are welcome! If you arrive after 7 please call to be let in: Haggis 970.227.4651 or Vivian 415.902.7199.
- **Equestrian Practice** - Contact Lady Cecelia O'Connor, 970.420.6652.
- **Steward's Guild** - Held every third Friday of the month at Perkins restaurant at Crossroads at 6:00 pm. See listing on Facebook: [Unser Hafen Steward's Guild](#).
- **Calligraphy Lessons** - The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, beginning November 15th. Contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley if coming: aands@unserhafen.org
- **Embroidery Guild** - 3rd Thursday, 7-9, Woodmere Manor, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland. Contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley, aands@unserhafen.org. Facebook: . [Unser Hafen Embroidery Guild](#)
- **Archery Practice** - Practices will be EVERY OTHER Saturday starting November 4th at Rocky Mountain Archery in Fort Collins, 3:00pm-

5:30pm, possibly later on some days. Range fees are \$7 all day, Some loaner gear will be available. See [Unser Hafen Archers](#) in Facebook.

- **Baronial Revels** - 2nd Thursday of the month when scheduled.
- **Baronial Business Meetings** - Held every third Friday of the month at Perkins restaurant at Crossroads at 7:00 pm. Come to help plan activities, come listen and hear what is going on. All are welcome.

Want to know more? Check out our [Website!](#)

Awards given at the final Court of Lief III and Ansteys, 11 November 2017:

Mistress Richenda de la Selva received the Queen's Grace
Jarl Freana Geardson received the Queen's Cipher

Congratulations!
(I apologise if I missed anyone!)

Fighter Practice

Regretfully, the heavy community is fairly quiet right now. Practices are off until 2018 for Sundays, and we don't really have much we are looking at otherwise beyond war practices.

Sir Felix Sniumi

Want Ad:

Chronicler (immediately)
Hospitaller

These are not difficult jobs, and do not require many hours or special skills. The current Chronicler and Hospitaller will help train any wonderful gentle who wishes to help our Barony keep moving forward.

Those interested need to send an email to the Baron and Baroness (baron@unserhafen.org, baroness@unserhafen.org) and the Seneschal (seneschal@unserhafen.org) describing which office you would like and information about yourself.

Letters of intent are due December 15th.

Archery Practice

Practices will be EVERY OTHER Saturday starting November 4th at Rocky Mountain Archery in Fort Collins from 3:00 - 5:30 pm or possibly later.. Range fees are \$7 all day, Loaner gear will be available,

Murdoch McEnshays McAllister

Arts and Sciences in Unser Hafen

Please check the Facebook pages or email Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley to see when the Guild or Classes are happening over the next six months. Lady Anne Elizabeth will be 'out of action,' but will get back to hosting A&S events as soon as possible.

Embroidery Guild

Bring your projects, or come and learn!

Second Thursday of the month

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Woodmere Manor, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland.

For more information contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley,

aands@unserhafen.org

Facebook: [Unser Hafen Embroidery Guild](#)

Calligraphy Lessons

Beginners and experienced scribes welcome!

First and third Wednesdays of the month

Beginning November 15th.

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Come when you can!

Woodmere Manor, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland.

For more information contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley,

aands@unserhafen.org

Facebook: [Scribes of Unser Hafen](#)

If you are interested in more A&S classes please let me know!

Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley

Arts and Sciences Minister

aands@unserhafen.org

Yule at Wellmark Keep



Come Celebrate Yule in Unser Hafen!

Saturday, December 2, 2017 - Saturday, December 2, 2017

OPENS: 06:45 PM CLOSSES: 10:00 PM

Wellmark Keep

3601 El Caminito Ct, Loveland, CO 80537-7411

Event Steward: Rosalind of Wellmark (Rosalind Wells)

This is a free event.

Site is Discreetly Wet

More Info may be

added: <http://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen>

What is this Yule which tangles the mind?

A log, a feast, a fireside kind?

Is it cold, or warm, or filled with a tune?

Does it change with the years or perhaps with the moon?

Will the Baron be there, and the Baroness too?

Bringing words of our deeds and our great daring do?

A puzzle to solve – oh, what can it be?

Is a Yule for us all? Is a Yule for me?

It came in a flash, it leapt to the fore.

That Yule is all that, and perhaps a bit more.

Where friends gather round and share the good year.

Where friends greet each other with words of good cheer.

It's a mug or a hug or a jig to a song.

It's a wish for good fortune all the next year long.

**Baroness Arianwen Sweet, Pencerdd Bard of Unser Hafen,
issues a challenge to one and all:**

"What is a Yuletide without voices being raised in song?

Boring.

**Join me in a Yule Bardic! The host has requested sonnets, but
any Yuletide cheer will do!"**

**The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly wears the crown**

**Oh, the rising of the Sun
And the running of the deer
The turning of the winter season
Sweet singing all may hear"**

**Baron Nicolaau and Baroness Safiyya invite Yule revelers to
an evening in Unser Hafen. There will be fires and tunes and
bards and gifts. Bring a finger food to share, bring your
favorite beverage to share. The site is discreetly wet (bring a
mug for it), and there are no fees. Parking is limited so
carpool if you can. Questions, contact Rosalind -
rosalind@frii.net or 970-667-1284.**

Directions:

**Via I-25: Travel to exit 255 (CO 402) and go West approx. 5
miles crossing US 287 and turning left (South) on Taft Ave.
Drive 1.5 miles and turn right (West) on Del Sol Dr. At the T,
turn left on El Caminito. 3601 on the right.**

**Via US 287: Travel to South Loveland and turn West on 14th
St. SW (CO 402). Continue to Taft Ave. turning left (South) on
Taft and drive 1.5 miles. Turn right (West) on Del Sol Dr. At
the T, turn left on El Caminito. 3601 on the right.**

At Yule will be a professional photographer, Darlene St. John, who is interested in what we do in this grand Society. She will have her camera and be taking candid shots (posed if you wish). As she does for other non-profit organisations, she will put them on a closed site on the internet, offering them at cost. To see an example of her work, check out Getting to Know Our Populace further down the newsletter.

So Dress Your Best!

Tri Baronial A&S Competition

It is time to begin thinking about the Trip Baronial A&S Competition! Not yet scheduled, it will be sometime in early spring.

For the Unser Hafen A&S Champion the requirement will be to submit entries in two categories (they can be in the same category) and one of the pieces can be a work in progress.

We really want a lot of artisans to enter this year. Categories will include areas like SCA Life and brewing if the site allows. We will polish these as the event gets closer. The incoming champion will receive all baronial regalia of the position and gift from the outgoing champion.

Keep a watch on the Baronial website!

Lady Bryngerðr Deotrichsdóttir
Baronial A&S Champion

Calligraphy Lessons



Want to learn to be a scribe? Want to improve your current calligraphy? Want to make your scrolls that much better with beautiful lettering? It is not painful! It is not terribly difficult!

Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley will be teaching on the first and third Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. If 6:30 is too difficult, come at 7:00 or 7:30. Just come! Whatever your level,

Lady Anne Elizabeth will show you techniques to make your lettering much better. Even if you cannot make it a regular commitment, drop in and learn a few things to improve your work!

Woodmere Manor, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland, Colorado

aands@unserhafen.org

Facebook: Scribes of Unser Hafen

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1371175026227895/>

Please let Anne Elizabeth know if you are coming!

No lessons February - ? Watch the Facebook page, or email Anne Elizabeth for more information. Please do plan on coming back!!!

Getting to Know Our Populace

Lord Martín De Cuniga and Baroness Arianwyn Sweet



Lord Martín De Cuniga or Jesse Schlam grew up in Aurora, Colorado, where he lived for 18 years. He then went to college in Durago for 4 years and received a BA in sociology, a BA in modern languages focusing on Spanish, and a minor in sociocultural anthropology. He did a study abroad in Vitoria, Spain for a year, and moved to Fort Collins to attend CSU for 3 years, studying environmental engineering and has been there ever since. Jesse works for the city of Fort Collins as an environmental regulatory specialist, keeping the pollution out of the water ways.

Baroness Arianwyn Sweet, also known as The Grey, or mundanely as Carissa "Kisa" Sortman lived most of her life in Arizona. As an air force brat, she was born in West Germany, though only spent a few months there before moving to the States. She spent 22 years in Phoenix, 3 years in Tucson getting her Associates of Art, a year in Tempe at ASU studying Fiber Arts and Metal working, 6 months in Flagstaff, and 3 years in Prescott where she helped open her sister's brew pub, and got her cosmetology licence. She moved to Fort Collins about a year and a half ago, and is cultivating a lovely cosmetology business.

The two met at Estrella War in 2011, at the court dancing practice for the Royal Ball. It was love at first sight, but since both were in college, and a long distance relationship was not an option, the two remained friends. They finally started dating in May of 2016, visiting each other frequently, and they agreed it was better on both of their wallets, to move in together at Jesse's house in Fort Collins. Martín has been playing in Unser Hafen and the Kingdom of the Outlands since 2008, and has won numerous awards including his Silver Tine, Keepers of the Portcullis, the Rose D'Or, and was inducted into the Order of the Golden Ring. Currently he is the Protector of Unser Hafen and is a cadet to Sir Don Michelangelo, who inducted him and Arianwyn into Cygnet House. Arianwyn found the SCA in 2010, when she attended her first Estrella War and was star struck. She played all over the Kingdom, including Tir Yisithyr, the

Barony of Atenveldt, Ered Sul, and Granite Mountian. She has her Court Barony, a Flower of the Desert, a Queen's Cypher, and a few Atenveldt baronial awards. Arianwyn quickly took to her new Barony of Unser Hafen, and at her first event in the Outlands, became Baroness Safiyya's Lady in Waiting. She has earned a Noble's Grace, as well as the Golden Columbine since she has moved from the sunny Kingdom of Atenveldt, and is the current Bard of Pencarth.



Martín is a late 15th century noble from the Castile-Navarra region of Spain, modernly known as the Basque and Cantabria regions. The inspiration for his persona is derived from his stay in the region when he studied abroad. His stay provided him an insiders look at the historical culture of Spain, and he quickly fell in love with the principles and community that was echoed in the area's past. Martín enjoys the sport of Rapier fighting, the chivalrous virtues of the society, the revelry of courtly dance, as well as providing service to his kingdom. Martín can be found out on the Rapier field, teaching his famous cape ability, as well as case, and many other techniques. He favors the Spanish style of fighting and is ambidextrous, being that he is left-handed with a pen. He hopes to gain knowledge for all things medieval, and has an extreme passion for history in general. Unser Hafen holds a special place in his heart, and he hopes to help the rapier community expand and succeed through his teachings and love of the sport. He wants to cultivate a stronger community across the Kingdom of the Outlands, and his goal for the Society is to make it a common household name.



Arianwyn is an early 15th century Welsh noble who loves to bake treats, cook feasts, host teas, courtly dance, and tailor various articles including embroidered purses. She is magically inclined and transforms into magical creatures around the firelight. Her most famous magic is her balancing technique, and has been spotted with not only a cup on her head but also baskets, gallon jugs, as well as books and more. She has aided in sewing for many crowns, hosted queen's teas, as well as provided plenty of service as a Lady in Waiting, and has been a deputy seneschal to the barony of Granite Mountain. She is an apprentice and student of Master Gunnar Skullsplitter from Atenveldt, and has more recently been cultivating a happy apprenticeship to Countess Richenda de la Selva. In her society life she hopes to bring magic and inspiration to all that she meets. Her hopes for Unser Hafen include, a widening of younger populace who have the same passion for the Society as she does, and maybe some year wearing the fancy Baroness hat to help make those things happen. As for the Kingdom of the Outlands, Arianwyn wishes for more courtly dancing to take place, as well as a Society wide move for more medieval looking campsites.

A Message from our Seneschal

Greetings unto Mighty Unser Hafen!

I invite all to join us this Saturday, December 2nd at Wellmark Keep for our Yule Celebration. The moon will be almost full, so the gods will shine their light down upon us as we revel in each others' company.

The following weekend, December 9th, our Cousins in Caer Galen will be

celebrating Midwinter in the fashion of the Far East. I hope to see many of you there, it also gives the fighters a chance for more fighting before the end of this calendar year. Besides which, the ever famous Caer Galen Musical Chairs will also take place. If you have not seen this, then you are missing out on an event of pure frivolity.

Our wonderful Chronicler, Lady Anne, has accepted a new positioning as Deputy Kingdom A&S Minister for Competition & Collegium! Please join me in congratulating her in her new position! This means she will be stepping down as the Unser Hafen Chronicler. She wants to help her replacement learn the position. We are accepting letters of interest from anybody whom wishes to succeed Lady Anne and carry on the tradition of a glorious Unser Hafen newsletter. If you are interested in becoming our new Chronicler please e-mail my Lady Anne, Baron Niccolau, Baroness Safiyya and myself.

Chronicler@unserhafen.org

baron@unserhafen.org

baroness@unserhafen.org

seneschal@unserhafen.org

Also, do you have an interest in learning more of what a Baronial Officer does? Do you like want to help the SCA remain an awesome group to be a

part off? Can you spare a few hours (at most) a month? If you answered yes or maybe to any of those questions, then I would encourage you to consider becoming a deputy to one of our officers. It is really easy to be an officer when everybody helps; do you recall the old saying "many hands make light work?" The same is true for officers within the SCA.

Please reach out to myself or any of the officers in Unser Hafen if you have questions, we are here to help you!

I remain yours in service,

Soren Thorvaldsson

Seneschal, Barony of Unser Hafen

A message from our Baronial Scribe

Salutations, Unser Hafen!

As winter approaches, we are all looking for projects to stave off cabin fever.

If you're interested, there are always Baronial scribal assignments in addition to Award of Arms blank scrolls for Their Majesties.

So, please feel free to contact me
at scribe@unserhafen.org or trackerhun@wigginstel.com

In your service,
Meadhbh
Baronial Scribe

A Message from our Hospitaller:

Greetings Unser Hafen!
Haggis of Unser Hafen, hospitlar and rapier marshal,
still somehow at large.

As we head into the holidays, it's time to get gear patched and winter projects going. We have many new faces this year eager to learn, help, or be inspired, so I'm asking all crafts-persons, fighters, and organizers to post some pics on the various pages you think they'll do the most good. Fantastic gatherings of old, projects, fights, books, or study materials of any kind. What interests new folks? Put it up and find out.

For fighting, Sundays practices are down until after the calendar year, though Mondays on CSU are still up and running until December break. Please contact your marshals for updates as the specific dorms may be changing until then, and other info will be posted on the Warriors of Unser Hafen and Rams Keep facebook pages.

Merry hollidays, all, and take care!

A Message from Our Chronicler and A&S Minister

This is my final edition of The Gatekeeper. If you have been reading above, you will have seen that I am stepping down as of December from the Chronicler position. I have taken the Kingdom A&S Deputy Minister for Competition and Collegium. However, due to my health situation, Mistress Richenda de la Selva has very kindly stepped in to take over the Kingdom A&S Competition.

Three cheers for Mistress Richenda!

I will also be stepping back from the Unser Hafen A&S Minister position for about six months. I will be having major surgery in early February, receiving a cochlear implant, but also losing all balance on my left side. The six months or so following surgery will be completely taken up by physical and aural therapy. I am greatly looking forward to being able to hear once more, and eventually learning to walk and move again!

To anyone wishing to take over the Chronicler position, it is not a difficult one, and I will be happy to help you learn the program prior to February. Although we have been publishing The Gatekeeper monthly, the Society only requires it to be published quarterly. So the next issue needs to be published no later than March. If you have questions about the position don't hesitate to

contact me at chronicler@unserhafen.org.

*Yours in Service,
Anne Elizabeth Morley*



[Website](#)



[Unser Hafen Yahoo Site](#)



[Facebook](#)

THE COURT OF UNSER HAFEN



His Excellency

Baron Nicolaau Machado
baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency

Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al-Dani
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Stewards - Smiling Bull Tavern

Court Herald - Lady Perryn Coelbrant

Largesse Coordinators - Lady Madeleine de Seraucourt and Lady Rachel Russell

Defender - Sir Faolan McEwan Taver

Protector - Lord Martin de Cuniga

Warden - Murdoch MacAllister

Equerry - Lady Lisette

Arts & Sciences Champion - Lady Bryngerðr Deotrichsdóttir

Pencerdd Bard - Baroness Arianwyn Sweet

Barbican Persuivant - Lord Ruadrí mac Batín

Baronial Guards - Lord Iago Martyn (captain of the guard), Lady Dagrún Ljufudóttir,

Lady Vivian Bell, Lady Bryngerðr, Lord Ruadrí mac Batín, Lord Martin Cuniga

Lady in Waiting - Baroness Meadhbh (head lady in waiting), Lady Lisette,

Lady Saikhan Nasan, Katherine of Windkeep, HE Arianwyn Sweet,

Alesonne McClellan, Jazlynne Faraday

BARONIAL OFFICERS

Seneschal:

THLord Soren Thorvaldsson

(Soren Nicholson)

seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Lady Elyse Joulle

(Deb Brannock)

exchequer@unserhafen.org

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:

Laird Ruadrí MacBatín

(Vincent Jackson)

herald@unserhafen.org

Knight Marshal:

Sir Felix Sniumi

Minister of Arts and Sciences:

Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley

(Marjorie Monroe-Fischer)

aands@unserhafen.org

Hospitaller/Chatelaine:

Don James MacPhearson

aka Haggis

(Nolan Smith)

hospitaller@unserhafen.org

Chronicler:

Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley

(Marjorie Monroe-Fischer)

chronicler@unserhafen.org

Webminister:

(Matthew Hoelscher)
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Marshal of Fence:

Don James MacPhearson
aka Haggis
(Nolan Smith)
fence@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:

Open
archery@unserhafen.org

Gold Key:

Lady Gabriella Rizo
(Rebecca Marie Egan)
gabriellarizosca@gmail.com

Mistress Richenda de la Selva
(Ann Fairburn)
uhwebminister@gmail.com

Scribe:

Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébhe
(Sandy Gromke)
scribe@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:

Lady Cecelia O'Connor
(Kim Creed)
kimberone1@juno.com

Rams Keep

Senechal (President)

Vivian Bell
(Zuul Fox)
ramskeep_seneschal@unserhafen.org

Templar Sergeant of the UNC Middle Ages Society

aka Brummbär Halten

Baldwin de la Berne
(Dane Banner Barnes)
barn8810@bears.unco.edu

This is the December 2017 issue of The Gatekeeper, a publication of the Barony of Unser Hafen of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Gatekeeper is available in print when requested, at cost, from Marjorie Monroe-Fischer, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland, CO 80538. Email address: chronicler@unserhafen.org. It is not a corporate publication of SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA, Inc. policies. Copyright © 2017 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting photographs, articles, or artwork from this publication, please contact the Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.

This email was sent to aep1939@gmail.com

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Barony of Unser Hafen, Society for Creative Anachronism · 1005 Banyan Court · Loveland, CO 80538 · USA

MailChimp