

# THE GATEKEEPER

## Barony of Unser Hafen

May 2017



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## KINGDOM CALENDAR

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13	Shire of Bryngolau	Oxygen Qwest and Mayday Celebration		Einarr
14	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	MayDay		Rita & Mariah
20-21	Shire of Nahrun Kabirun	Nahrun Masked Ball		Gianina
25-29	Barony of al-Barran	<a href="#">Grand Outlandish XLIV</a>	K	Belatumara & Fieren
26-29	Barony of Caerthe	<a href="#">Condottieri</a>	Q	Kovac
<b>June 2017</b>				
9-18	Kingdom of Calontir	<a href="#">Lilies War</a>	K/Q	
10	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine Champions		Angel
17	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	<a href="#">Medieval Faire &amp; Demo</a>		Wyolet
22-25	Kingdom of Northshield	Northern Realms War		Ailidh
23-26	Shire of Drygestan	<a href="#">Drystone III and St Martins Collegium</a>	K/Q	Erchambaut
30-4	Kingdom of Artemisia	<a href="#">Artemisia XX</a>	K/Q	
30-2	Barony of Unser Hafen	<a href="#">Of Fire and Wind</a>		Lisette
<b>July 2017</b>				
7-9	Barony of Caer Galen	<a href="#">Caer Galen Defender</a>		Keridwen
14-16	Shire of Aarquelle	Highlands Rapier Camp and War Collegium		Pierro
21-23	Shire of Plattefordham	Here There Be Dragons!		Nanna
22	Barony of al-Barran	Nock on Wood		Dieterich
28-30	Barony of Caer Galen	Enduro		Rowena
28-13	Kingdom of Aethelmearc	<a href="#">Pennsic 46</a>		Tree
28-30	Shire of Rio de las Animas	Defender of Silver Pass		Ronan
<b>August 2017</b>				
6	Canton of Hawks Hollow	<a href="#">St. Sebastian's Archery Tournament</a>		Ailinn
11-13	Barony of Unser Hafen	Crown Tournament	K/Q/P/P	Meadhbh

18-20	Shire of Nahrn Kabirun	Clann Wars		Jennivere
30-4	Kingdom of the Outlands	<a href="#">Battlemoor VIII</a>	K/Q	Gerwyn & Ellinor
<b>September 2017</b>				
15-18	Shire of Drygestan	Santa Fe Renaissance Faire - DEMO		Francesco
22-24	Barony of al-Barran	al-Barran Champions		Phaidra
23	Shire of Windkeep	Windkeep Defender		Hugh
<b>October 2017</b>				
4-9	Kingdom of Caid	<a href="#">Great Western War</a>	K/Q	
15	Barony of Caer Galen	Caer Galen Toys for Tots		Shoshanah
28	Society	BOD Meeting	Q	
<b>November 2017</b>				
4	Barony of Dragonsspine	Holiday Bazaar		Adelaisa
11-12	Shire of Nahrn Kabirun	Coronation	K/Q/P/P	
<b>December 2017</b>				
9	Barony of Caer Galen	Caer Galen Midwinter		Michaelangelo
16-17	Barony of al-Barran	al-Barran Midwinter and War Practice		Bronwen

## **Northern Calendar**

**May 14 - Grand Revel at the first outdoor fighter practice,**

Warren Park on Lemay in Fort Collins

May 26-29 - Condottieri - Battle for Venice - Caerthe

June 2-4 - Medieval Faire

June 30-July 2 - Of Wind and Fire - UH

July 7-9 – Caer Galen Defender – Caer Galen

**Aug 11-13 – Crown Tournament – UH – HH**

Aug 30 – Sept 4 – Battlemoor

Nov 11-12 – Coronation – Shire of Nahrin Kabirum

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### What's Going on in our Barony:

- **Fighter Practice** - CSU Field House in Fort Collins, Sundays, 2-6, changing to Warren Park on Lemay in Fort Collins on May 14th..
- **Rapier Practice** - With Fighter Practice.
- **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.
- **Rams Keep Arts** - Tuesdays 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.
- **Craftsman's Guild** - On hold.
- **Equestrian Practice** - Contact Lady Cecelia O'Connor, 970.420.6652.
- **Steward's Guild** - see listing on Facebook: [Unser Hafen Steward's Guild](#).
- **Calligraphy and Illumination Guild** - contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley, 970.669.9213,

[monroefischer@icloud.com](mailto:monroefischer@icloud.com). Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1371175026227895/>

- **Scribal Night** - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland, 7:00pm. Contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley, 970.669.9213, [monroefischer@icloud.com](mailto:monroefischer@icloud.com). Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/534363516754286/>
- **Heraldry Night** - 3rd Wednesday of the month at Loveland Public Library, 300 North Adams Avenue. Contact Laird Ruadri mac Batín. [herald@unserhafen.org](mailto:herald@unserhafen.org)
- **Archery Practice** - Captain of Archers position to be filled. See [Unser Hafen Archers](#) in Facebook.
- **Baronial Revels** - 2nd Thursday of the month.
- **Baronial Business Meetings** - Held every third Friday of the month at Perkins restaurant at Crossroads. 6:00 for food and fun with the meeting at 7:00. Come to help plan activities, come listen and hear what is going on. All are welcome.

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

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# CORONATION



King Lief the Third, Queen Ansteys and the Prince and Princess Royal at  
Coronation

Congratulations to:

Jarl Freana Geardson for receiving the Rapier of Chivalry

Don Aegean the Actor for winning Protector of the Queen's Heart

A former member of Unser Hafen, Elena Isabella de Glastonbury, was elevated  
to Master of Defence. Congratulations, Maestra Elena!

The Stag Choir, conducted by Countess Danielle de la Rochelle performed  
beautifully for the Court.

Huzzah!

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## Of Wind and Fire

June 30 - July 2

The Savage Woods

1750 Savage Road, Loveland, Colorado 80538

An Eastern themed weekend of Heavy, Equestrian, Archery,  
Rapier, and Thrown Weapons!

An evening of Feasting, Singing, and Dancing! Persian feast  
hosted by Smiling Bull and a Hafla hosted by Baroness Hannah.



Heavy fighting run by Sir Felix ([Matthew Hoelscher](#))

- Iajutsu Tournament
- Breakfast of Champions
- Sword Dance

Equestrian run by Lady Cecelia ([Kim Creed](#))

- Mounted archery course
- Javelins course
- Tentpegging relay races
- Polo/Daiku/Buzkashi matches

Archery and Thrown Weapons run by THL Forrester ([Dwayne Beuthel](#))

- Unser Hafen Archery Champion competition
- more details to come...

Rapier fighting run by Lord Eberwinus von Grimme ([James Redmond](#))

- War simulation melees
- more details to come...

Bardic

- Unser Hafen Bardic Champion competition
- more details to come...

### Evening Feast by Smiling Bull

Bring a carpet and pillows, lean back and relax while Dancing Lovelies deliver food to you. Please note: grapes to be dropped in your mouth are NOT a part of our menu so make your own arrangements! Bring a mug for beverages -- we will provide the rest!

Lemon Hummus -- Herbed Olives -- Pickles -- Bread  
Pickled Quail Eggs -- Vegies & Dip

Wrap Sandwiches: Roasted Pork, Spiced Turkey, Ham &  
Cheese, Vegie Wrap

Try one or two or three!

Cranberry Lemon Cous Cous and/or Cold Pineapple/Rice Salad

Honey Melon Balls -- Turkish Delight -- Baklava  
Lemonade -- Iced Tea -- Sekanjabin

RESERVE EARLY -- RESERVE OFTEN

Adults \$10, 6 to 14 \$5.00 5 & under eat free

EMAIL [GABRIELLARIZOSCA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GABRIELLARIZOSCA@GMAIL.COM) TO RESERVE

Camping allowed.

Wet site, as long as we remain responsible.

Fire allowed, contingent on fire code at the time.

Bring your own water; carry out your trash.

Dogs are allowed on leashes or tethered.

Hosted by the Barony of Unser Hafen

Location: The Savage Woods, 1750 Savage Road, Loveland,  
Colorado 80538.

Directions: Take Interstate 25 to E Hwy 34 Loveland Exit 257.  
Go West through Loveland approximately 9.1 miles. Turn right  
onto Glade Road CR-23H. After a quarter of a mile, turn right  
onto Savage Rd.

Dates: 30 June, 12:00 pm - 2 July, 3:00 pm

Event Steward: Lady Lisette ([Stephanie Dodson](#))

Site Fees:

Weekend/Camping

-Adults \$20

-Ages 8-16 \$10

-Ages 7 and under Free

-Family cap \$60

Day Trip Friday or Saturday

-Adults \$10

-Ages 8-16 \$5

-Ages 7 and under Free

-Family cap \$30

Day Trip Sunday

-Adults \$5

-Ages 8-16 Free

-Ages 7 and under Free

Family Cap \$15

Non-member charge - \$5.00.

Make checks payable to "SCA Inc - Barony of Unser Hafen"

Gate will be down in the trees between the 2 ponds.

<http://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/of-fire-and-wind>



## Heraldry Consultation Evening

### **Have an idea for your name and device?**

Need help getting the forms together? Have no idea where to start?

Need a badge to put on your armor bag? Want to change your name

and/or device? I will bring the forms, the books, the markers, and the  
Heraldry Kung Fu, you bring your imagination.

Laird Ruadrí MacBatín  
[herald@unserhafen.org](mailto:herald@unserhafen.org)



The Northern Outlands Theatre Troupe is looking for players!  
Future performances:

Condottieri [probably Saturday evening] - *The Bear and The Maiden*  
(song with pantomimed skit)

Of Fire and Wind [Saturday evening] - *The Zen Substitute*  
(narrated kabuki)

Battlemoor [Saturday evening] - *The Seven Deadly Sins*  
(parade)

Please contact Lady Lisette for more information or to

volunteer. She can be found on Facebook as Stephanie Dodson and at [stephanie.l.dodson@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.l.dodson@gmail.com).

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## GATHERING OF THE GUILDS\*

### at Crown Tournament

Often times, at Crown Tournament, there is a good deal of free time before and after the actual tournament is taking place. At the upcoming Crown Tournament in Unser Hafen (August 11-13), we are going to be holding a “Gathering of the Guilds\*”, as an additional activity for the populace, and to give our many Guilds\* a chance to showcase what they do. We have LOTS of space at the event, and so there will be an area set aside, away from the fighting field (similar to a Merchant’s Row), where guilds\* can put on displays, hold classes and demonstrations, or just provide a place for people with a common interest to meet. Because this is a camping event, these areas can be set up on Friday, and remain up until Sunday. [Note that all we will be providing is the space – each Guild will be responsible for providing their own shade, tables, chairs, etc.] If your Guild would be interested in participating, please contact Master Hagar the Black ([hagartheblack@gmail.com](mailto:hagartheblack@gmail.com)) with an idea of what you would like to do, and how much space you think that you’ll need.

\* “Guilds” aren’t just groups that use that word in their names. It would also include Special Interest Groups, activity-based households, Sunday afternoon garb workshops, etc.

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- Messages from **Smiling Bull**:

Smiling Bull would like to say Thank You & Merci Beaucoup for all the support. Our new dining tent arrived this week so when you see the Bull we will have a kitchen tent AND a dining tent. Our ability to welcome you better is thanks to the wondrous support from lots of folks both inside and outside of the Barony.

- Look for the Smiling Bull tents [and food] at Northern Realms War in June, at Of Wind and Fire event at Savage Woods and at Battlemoor!
- Be Alert! Because the world needs more Lerts! Smiling Bull has received a request to cook for Battlemoor from out of Kingdom friends. Let us know if you are interested

in a food plan or if we should cook for the small group.

[HeleneBoudain@Yahoo.com](mailto:HeleneBoudain@Yahoo.com) or Kathy Wallace on Facebook.

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**A message from our Senechal:**

Greetings and good tidings to all family and friends of Unser Hafen from your friendly seneschal!

May is here, and we have a lot going on! This past weekend I was pleased to see many of the populace travel to the Barony of Dragonsspine to witness the Coronation of our new Crown, King Lief the Third & Queen Ansteys.

The following Sunday a handful of dedicated warriors from Unser Hafen showed up to fight for the honor of protecting our Queen! I am pleased to offer a hearty congratulations to Don Ageon the Actor for winning the Protector of the Queens Heart. He fought hard and valiantly besting many foes just so he can take on the responsibility of protecting our Queen. Another one of our fencers fought well, and many noticed him for his grace and courtesy on the field. Jarl Freana Geardson proved to all that few can match his gentle spirit when Her Majesty named him her Rapier of Chivalry.



Closer to home, on Sunday May 14th from 2 until 5 PM we will host a Baronial Revel. Join us for fellowship, food, and fighting. Jarl Kolgrim is planning a tournament to test our heavy weapons fighters. Don James (beloved also known as Haggis) will be organizing a tournament for the fencers. This will be a great time, and I hope we can attract friends from Wind Keep and Caer Galen to join us here as well.

At the end of this month I hope you can join us as we travel to the Barony of Cearthe to support Sir Felix as he rallies us as he faces off against Sir Flanigan at Condottieri.

My friends, this is on a small sample of what is going on in our mighty Barony. Remember to check out our website (<http://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen>) for more information on happenings.

Yours in Service to the Stag,  
THL Soren Thorvaldsson

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***A message from the Chronicler:***

Having been very ill for the past two months, I am behind in publishing the Gatekeeper. Thank you for your patience!

Yours in Service,  
*Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley*



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## The court of unser hafen



His Excellency

**Baron Nicolaau Machado**

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Her Excellency

## Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al-Dani

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**Court Stewards** - Smiling Bull Tavern

**Court Herald** - Lady Perryn Coelbrant

**Largesse Coordinators** - Lady Madeleine de Seraucourt and Lady Rachel Russell

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**Protector** - Eberwinus von Grimme

**Warden** - THL Angus Montgomery the Forrester

**Equerry** - Lady Cecelia Juette

**Arts & Sciences Champion** - Lord Valbjorn Juleson

**Pencerdd Bard** - Lady Rhiannin filia Fynn

**Barbican Persuivant** - Lord Ruadrí mac Batín

**Baronial Guards** - Lord Iago Martyn (captain of the guard), Lady Dagrún Ljufudóttir, Lady Vivian Bell, Lady Brynandor, 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 Arianwen Sweet, Alesonne McClellan

## BARONIAL OFFICERS

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**aka Brummbär Halten**

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Lots of our spring flowers came with European settlers  
to North America

Mistress Agnes deLanvallei



Snowdrops (*Galanthus nivallis*) were among the first plants to flower in Europe. In England they were called candlemas bells, because they were used as decorations at Candlemas, February 2, celebration of the Purification of Saint Mary. Other old names include Mary's bells, dingle-dangle, snow-piercers and fair-maid-of-February. They were often planted in graveyards, and for that reason or because they are white like a shroud, they developed a reputation as associated with death. Picking them and bringing them into the house meant a death in the immediate family. The name seems obvious, a white flower in spring called snowdrop, but an alternate explanation was that the name we use today is based on pearl earrings very popular in the 16th century that were called snowdrops. (See portrait of Louise de Lorraine, Queen of France, 1553 - 1601.) ([Link](#))





Daffodils (*Narcissus pseudo-narcissus*) grew wild in the meadows of Europe, as did their relatives that we call paperwhites, narcissus and jonquils today. Daffydowndilly is an actual common name from 16th century England. Daffodils are poisonous, so were grown for the medicinal value, the roots to dry out a nasty deep wound, for example or taken boiled to induce vomiting. Just as today, they were very popular spring flowers. The *Book of Secrets of Albertus Magnus*, printed in the mid 1500s from an older manuscript (but almost certainly not written by Albertus Magnus, 12th C) says that it “suffereth not a devil in the house” and that if a man bear with him a root of it in the night, he shall not fear. Carrying them was lucky and would relieve melancholy.







Periwinkles (*Vinca minor* and *Vinca major*) have been grown since Roman times. They are evergreen in most of Europe and so associated with immortality. Consequently they were often planted on the graves of children. They were also made into garlands and chaplets for the condemned, the logic of that not obvious to me. The name periwinkle comes from *vincapervinca*, its name in colloquial Latin, from *vincire*, to bind, which by the Middle Ages had become *pervenke* (and similar spellings). The vining nature of the plant is probably responsible for them as a symbol of married love. They were made into many love knots. *The Book of Secrets of Albertus Magnus* said "When it is beaten unto powder with worms of the earth wrapped about it, and with an herb called *Semperviva*, the English Houseleek, it induceth love between man and wife, if it be used in their meats." For generations couples planted them in their gardens for a long and happy marriage. Carrying periwinkles would bring you money and keep away frightening animals, including snakes, and evil spirits.

*The Book of Secrets of Albertus Magnus* is now online. The editors state that Elizabethan readers probably didn't believe much of it, but they read it.

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