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The Barony Of  
**Unser Hafen**  
The Gatekeeper

February

2023



Baronial Buzz

Unto the members and friends of Unser Hafen,

We spend a great deal of time and energy in planning for and putting on an event. Generally the Barony puts on about 4-5 main events per year. In fact most baronies do this and we should take advantage of their hard work and attend their events. We have had a busy month attending four events in January: Caerthen 12th Night, Coronation in al-Barran, Viking Vinter Vunderland in Arquelle, and Candelmas in Dragonsspine. Each event had a different theme but covered opportunities to be medieval – feasts, dancing, tournaments both martial and Arts, merchants, games, and lots of time to socialize with friends old and new. There were people attending their first event, and others that were attending their hundredth event. The Crown of the Outlands attended each event also. Many members were recognized with awards for their arts, service and martial activities. One of those recognized was our own Mistress Safiyya, who was elevated into the Order of the Pelican for her service to the Barony and the Kingdom.

Our next Baronial event will be Winter Oasis on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Her Majesty will be visiting us and she looks forward to meeting Our populace. This is our celebration of the medieval Middle East, so bring your drums, mugs and feast gear for dancing, playing, and a potluck feast. Please bring your favorite appetizer, snack or dessert to share. There will be a “not Baklava” challenge, so bring a middle eastern sweet that is NOT baklava to compete for a nifty prize.

Also in February will be Medieval Nights at Gryphon Games on February 6, the White Rose in at Countess Rosalind’s on February 15 to talk and taste “Camp” food, Equestrian practice on February 19, and Scribal Night February 27. And do not forget that our fighter practice has restarted at the CSU Fieldhouse on Sundays, 2-5. Details are in the calendar section elsewhere in this newsletter.

There is something for everyone, so enjoy,

Freana, Baron,  
Richenda, Baroness

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## Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings and many Blessings!

As the wheel turns towards Spring and new growth, I look forward to our Barony awakening and hosting a multitude of amazing events. First up, is our Winter Oasis event on February 25th at the Atlas Theater in Greeley. See the event page for more details: <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/winter-oasis> To help us get ready for the return of this glorious event, I will be hosting a beginning drumming class at Medieval Night on Monday February 6th at Gryphon Games. All are welcome to attend and I will have drums to share. See our website for more details on Medieval Night: <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/medieval-night>

As many of you have heard, we were awarded the honor of hosting the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition on April 1st. We will be hosting the event at the Senior Center in Fort Collins and I will be the Autocrat in conjunction with the Kingdom A&S Officer. This is the time for our Barony to shine with the wonderous works that we excel at. In addition, we will need a multitude of volunteers to help with setup, gate and the donation lunch and this is a fantastic event to learn how events are run. See the event page for more details: <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/kingdom-a-and-s>

I hope to see you all at our upcoming gatherings and events!

Blessings,  
THL Eithne  
Seneschal of Unser Hafen

**Oyez! Oyez!**

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Unser Hafen Webminister!

Are you interested in helping publicize all of Unser Hafen's activities on the Web? If so, please let us know by sending a Letter Of Intent. The Webminister position involves maintaining the Unser Hafen website (currently at [wix.com](https://unserhafen.wix.com)), Google Calendar, and Google for Non-profits (primarily Gmail, Google Meet, and Google Drive). You may also help the social media officer with the mundanities of our Youtube brand account.

In your letter, to be received by 10th March 2023, please include:

- \* A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- \* Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the

position.

- \* Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- \* Your modern name.
- \* Your society/SCA name.
- \* Your postal address.
- \* Your telephone number.
- \* Your email address.
- \* A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure. With very rare exceptions, officers must reside within the Barony that they serve.

Please send your letter to all of:

- \* The Unser Hafen Webminister, Lord Ulric of Thorne, via [webminister@unserhafen.org](mailto:webminister@unserhafen.org).
- \* The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Lady Eithne ingen Fhaelain Duib, via [seneschal@unserhafen.org](mailto:seneschal@unserhafen.org).
- \* The Unser Hafen Baron Freana & Baroness Richenda, via [baronage@unserhafen.org](mailto:baronage@unserhafen.org).

We will forward your letters to the relevant society officers, once the call for letters closes.

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

## The More You Know

### Creating Medieval Moments at Events

The Society of Creative Anachronism has a handbook of governing documents referred to as "Corpora". You can see these documents at <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/govdocs.pdf>. It is full of all sorts of interesting things. One item is the definition of an event. According to Corpora:

"The term "Society event" refers to tournaments, feasts, and other activities whereby participants can display the results of their research into the culture and technology of the period in an environment which evokes the atmosphere of the pre-17th century Middle Ages and Renaissance." [THE CORPORA OF THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM, INC.](#) Page 13 April 1, 2022

The last section about environment is very important. The modern

world is stressful, and part of what we are seeking in the SCA is the feeling that we are stepping into another world, experiencing a “medieval moment” as it were. It is more fun to feel like we are in a candlelit hall of a castle than in a high school gym. It starts with the decorations set up by the event planners, but it is also up to each attendee. When you go to an event, ask yourself how you are adding (or detracting) to the ambience and enjoyment of others. There are a lot of things that you can do to make the event seem more medieval for yourself and the person next to you.

- Bring a goblet to drink out of instead of a water bottle or solo cup.
- Put your food on a nice serving dish (or something medieval-ish) if you are having a potluck (for example at Winter Oasis)
- Bring a tablecloth or a large piece of cloth. You can use it to cover up a plastic table, the ugly ping pong table in the corner, a modern cooler, or the golf bag you keep your rapier equipment in.
- Hide your bottles, cans, and plastic containers.
- Make a banner to hang.
- Bring a bunch of LED lights (soft yellow flickering preferably) so we can turn off the overhead lights.
- Bring a medieval game to play.
- Upgrade your garb.
- Paint a tapestry to hang.
- Disguise your popup <https://www.moirandalls.com/popup/index.htm>
- Use a large piece of cloth or a cloak to hide your modern folding chair.
- Make a flag.
- Use bamboo plates instead of paper plates if you want to use disposable feast gear.
- Make a backdrop to hide the mundane elements of the room.
- If you use a mundane item, hide it and be discreet about using it.
- Use things that “look” medieval-ish

We are all playing the game together. If we all work to play our best medieval game, we can create lasting memories for everyone.  
Baroness Richenda de la Selva

## White Rose Inn

### The White Rose Inn is open!

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. If you are interested in medieval food, there will be a short talk and things to taste test. Bring along and share your own culinary experiments if you

want. Not into cooking? Come test what others have made. Or just come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation. Don't live in Unser Hafen? You are welcome as well.

Come Taste, Test, And Talk.

No SCA garb is required, and you are welcome to bring along food if you didn't have time for dinner.

The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley. Start time is 6:30pm

Wednesday February 8, 2023

The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn

3601 El Caminito in Loveland

Phone (970) 667-1284

Subject: Camp Food

Wednesday March 8, 2023

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin

2114 42 nd Avenue in Greeley

Phone (970) 590-7602

Subject: Liqueurs and cordials

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## Looking Forward

**Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to [chronicler@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicler@unserhafen.org) and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.**

**Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to [webminister@unserhafen.org](mailto:webminister@unserhafen.org) and [chronicler@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicler@unserhafen.org) as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication methods.**

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## Seeking Deputies

## The following positions are currently seeking deputies:

- Quartermaster (oversees the storage unit & its contents): Contact Baron Freana via [baron@unserhafen.org](mailto:baron@unserhafen.org).
- Gold Key (oversees our collection of loaner garb): Contact Lady Ulanda via [baroness@unserhafen.org](mailto:baroness@unserhafen.org).
- Chatelaine (oversees all things pertaining to newcomers): Contact Lord Yngve Hjalmsson via [chatelaine@unserhafen.org](mailto:chatelaine@unserhafen.org).
- Exchequer (treasurer): Contact Mistress Ursula via [exchequer@unserhafen.org](mailto:exchequer@unserhafen.org).
- Chronicler (production of our monthly newsletter): Contact Lady Euphemia via [chronicler@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicler@unserhafen.org).
- Webminister (the witchery of the ethereal plane): Contact Lord Ulric via [webminister@unserhafen.org](mailto:webminister@unserhafen.org).
- Herald (assists with creation/ formal acceptance of name & armory): Contact Her Honour Safiyya via [herald@unserhafen.org](mailto:herald@unserhafen.org).
- Social Media (the sorcery of phantom platforms): Email [socialmedia@unserhafen.org](mailto:socialmedia@unserhafen.org) and [seneschal@unserhafen.org](mailto:seneschal@unserhafen.org).
- Captain of Archers (oversees all things archery): Contact Lord Marc via [archery@unserhafen.org](mailto:archery@unserhafen.org).
- Scribe (oversees creation of scrolls): Contact Her Ladyship Anne Elizabeth Moreley via [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org).

## What's Going on in our Barony?

### Armoured and Fencing Practice

Sundays, 2:00-5:00 PM  
Glen Morris Field House at CSU  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Visit the [Website](#) for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule.

We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!

### Scribal Night

Every 4th Monday at 6:30PM

### Archery Practice

Rocky Mountain Archery  
4518 Innovation Dr.  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Visit the [Website](#) for schedule dates and more info. Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Please contact [archery@unserhafen.org](mailto:archery@unserhafen.org) if you would be interested in practicing weekday evenings (Tuesdays, 5:30-7?). If there is enough interest,

The home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi  
5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown,  
CO, or virtually - check the [Book of  
Faces](#) for links to the meetings.

For more information contact the  
Honourable Lady Anne Elizabeth  
Morley (Marjorie Monroe-Fischer)  
at [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org).

### **Equestrian Practice**

Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor  
970-420-6652

additional times may be added.

### **A&S Gathering**

Join us at Armoured and Fencing  
Practice on most Sundays! See  
above for more info. Updates can be  
found on the Book of Faces.

### **Calligraphy &/or Illumination**

Contact: The Honorable Lady Anne  
Elizabeth Morley  
970-227-9273

(Dance and Embroidery Guild are  
currently inactive)

Check the Unser Hafen [website](#) or [The Book of Faces](#) for additional upcoming events and  
locations.

## **Virtual Populace Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

6:30pm

Link for the business meeting: [meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi](https://meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi)

Join by phone: (US) +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

## **Kingdom Calendar**

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
February 2023				
1-5	Kingdom of Atenveldt	<u>War of the Phoenix</u>	K/Q	
11	Shire of Nahrun Kabirun	Valentines Masked Ball		Lady Cecilia Tretheway



25	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Winter Oasis</u>	Q	Safiyya Bint Faris Al-Dani
March 2023				
4	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	<u>Citadel Baronial Investiture</u>		Duchess Morgana of Lands End
4	Shire of Plattefordham	Feast of the Valkyrie		Ailith Dreki
11-19	Kingdom of Gleann Abhann	<u>Gulf Wars</u>	K	
April 2023				
1	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Kingdom A&amp;S Competition &amp; Queen's Prize</u>	K/Q	THL Eithne
22-23	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	<u>Outlands Crown Tournament</u>	K/Q/P/P	THL Wyolet Bertram
May 2023				
June 2023				
9-17	Kingdom of Calontir	<u>Lilies War</u>	Q	
28-2	Kingdom of the Outlands	<u>Battlemoor 2023, AS LVIII</u>	K/Q	Team Lavan/Alasdair /Teigr
July 2023				
28-13	Kingdom of Aethelmearc	<u>Pennsic War</u>		Baron Manuel de la Rosa y Botella de Mirguela
August 2023				
3-6	Shire of Nahrun Kabirun	Clan Wars		Lady Cecilia Tretheway
September 2023				
October 2023				
20-22	Shire of Nahrun Kabirun	Siege of the City		Team Timmur & John

Visit <https://www.outlands.org/events> for the most up-to-date information.

**The Court of Unser Hafen**



His Excellency

**Baron Freana Geardson**

[baron@unserhafen.org](mailto:baron@unserhafen.org)

Her Excellency

**Baroness Richenda de la Selva**

[baroness@unserhafen.org](mailto:baroness@unserhafen.org)

**Court Herald** - Sir Felix Sniumi

**Defender** - Sir Felix Sniumi

**Protector** - Sir Michalangelo Francesco di Genoa

**Warden** - Lady Jess of Unser Hafen

**Equerry** - Lady Cecilia Juetta

**Arts & Sciences Champion** - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

**Pencerdd Bard** - Countess Kitta

**Barbican Persuivant** - Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani

**Head of Household** - Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani

## Baronial Officers

### Officers and Responsibilities

Seneschal - President

Chancellor of the Exchequer - Treasurer

Barbican Pursuivant Herald - Submits name and armory applications

Chatelaine/Hospitaller - Assists Newcomers

Gold Key - Loans period-looking garb and feast gear to event participants

Knight Marshal - Oversees combat activities

Marshal of Fence - Oversees fencing activities (Rapier, Cut and Thrush)

Captain of Archers - Oversees archery activities

Minister of Arts and Sciences - Oversees all art and science activities

Scribe - Coordinates creation of award scrolls

Equestrian - Oversees activities involving Horses

Chronicler - Editor of the Newsletter

Social Media - Oversees social media postings of

events/communications

Webminister - Oversees the running of the websites of the barony

Quartermaster - Maintains, inventories and stores physical property of the barony

[Deputies are listed in brackets]

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THL Eithne ingen Fhaelain Duib

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Mistress Ursula d'Arcy

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Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani (Joshi Solomon-Freville )

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Lord Marc of Unser Hafen

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Lord Ulric of Thorne

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***Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:***

Outlands Roll of Arms

- <http://wharrow.outlandsheralds.org/index.php>

Caerthe 12th Night

- <https://caerthe-sca.org/caerthen-12th-night-2023/>

Outlands Coronation

- <https://events.outlands.org/outlands-winter-coronation-2023/>

Viking Vintr Vunderlandt

- <https://sites.google.com/view/vvv23/home?authuser=1>

Dragonsspine Candlemas & Baronial Polling

- <https://www.dragonsspine.outlands.org/events-in-the-barony/candlemas/>

War of the Phoenix

- <https://www.atenveldt.org/phoenix/>

Winter Oasis

- <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/winter-oasis>

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Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com>

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- <https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/>

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/rapier-heavy-summer>

Archery Website:

- <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer>

Kingdom Calendar:

- <https://www.outlands.org/events>

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