

The Barony Of
Unser Hafen
The Gatekeeper

September

2023



Baronial Buzz

Greetings unto the Barony from Their Excellencies Freana and Richenda,

August was a slow month in the north of the Kingdom unless you went to Pennsic. A huge group attended this 2 week event in Pennsylvania and came back with amazing stories. Lord Fjolwerker represented the Kingdom (and thus Barony) by proving that the Outlands is the Kingdom with the most Fun. Congratulations.

Energy will be picking up in September. Unser Hafen is holding Our Champions tourney on September 16. This will cover Heavy, Rapier, Archery and Equestrian. The Equestrian Tourney is being shared with Caer Galen and Caerthe. Their Majesties will be attending and holding a Laurel Circle so we will have a bigger crowd than usual. Come out with your best and help show off Our Barony to the Kingdom. Caerthe has their Champion Tourneys on September 1-3 and St. Sebastians on the 10 th . Aarquelle is holding their Harvest Fest at the end of the month.

October will be exciting with the Annual Baronial Newcomers on the 28 th . Bring your art to show off and get ready to meet this year's group of newcomers. Practice your songs for the Bardic Circle and Pencerdd Bard Competition and bring your dancing shoes. Lord Vagn and Lady Ylva are the stewards and will be reaching out to the Barony for help. Sign up to help.

Speaking of volunteering, please remember that the SCA is a volunteer organization. We are not a Renaissance festival that you are attending for a ticket price. With all of us working together, we can achieve great things. We can create memorable medieval experiences and events with enough people, but if you just show up for the event and then go away until the next event we don't benefit from your ideas and assistance. We can't transform the hall into a medieval castle because we don't have the people to set things up. We can't have stunning heraldic pageantry because we don't have the hands making the items needed. Offer to help, ask what you can do, or offer your ideas on how we can make things more medieval. Research some games to play or think of a hands-on class that you would like to teach or attend. Teach yourself a dance (there are tons of videos online) and then share it. If your idea fits into the Medieval theme, we are not going to say "No".

Yours in Service,
Richenda and Freana
Baroness and Baron of Unser Hafen

Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings and many Blessings!

The winds of change have begun to blow in our fair Barony! We are in need of volunteers for five (5) of our Baronial Officer positions. Volunteering and holding an officer position is a fantastic way to give back to our community and can be used as experience on your resume. I, personally, am using this experience as Seneschal to show that I am ready and able to hold a supervisor position at my workplace with the City of Fort Collins. If you have any hesitation in volunteering for an officer position, please talk with me! I am here to support my officers with anything they need in order to make their experience as fulfilling and stress free as possible! See our Call for Officers page for full details:

<https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers>

We have two events approaching quickly (Champions Sept 16 and Newcomers Oct 28) and are in need of volunteers! Please see the events pages for links to the call for volunteers signup.

Reminder: Easy access to the calendar

- Did you know that you can add the Unser Hafen calendar to your Google calendar?
- See the information on our calendar page for more information:

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

I will end my musings with a poem from the early 14th century.

This World's Joy

Winter awakens all my care
as leafless trees grow bare.
For now my sighs are fraught
whenever it enters my thought:
regarding this world's joy,
how everything comes to naught.

- anonymous Middle English lyric, loose translation/
interpretation by Michael R. Burch

As always, contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns!

Blessings,
Eithne

Awards and Recognitions

Editor's note: reprinted from the August 2023 edition of The Gatekeeper

Hype Your Friends!

We all see amazing acts at SCA events and activities. From bards who grant us an exceptionally moving performance, to the fighter who steps off the field to encourage a newcomer, or a Herald who roams camp every morning to give daily announcements - there is so much that happens at any event that often goes missed by those able to recognize great works. The Crown and Baronage of any group relies heavily on award recommendations to ensure their populace is properly recognized. With a new King and Queen on the Stag Throne, now is an ideal time to brag on your friends so here's a guide to get you started!

Q: How do I know what awards there are?

A: Unser Hafen awards, those that can be granted by our Baron and Baroness, can be found on www.unserhafen.org

- Hover over 'Court & Officers' to see link to 'Baronial Awards'
 - This page offers a great visual reference for what awards belong to Unser Hafen.

For Kingdom awards, those granted by our King and Queen, visit <http://www.outlandsheralds.org/>

- Precedence & Awards (<http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/>)
- "Awards By Kingdom or Barony", on the left hand side, will take you to a page where awards for the Outlands, and every Barony within, are detailed.
- Select 'Outlands' to see your options
 - You can explore Unser Hafen's, and other Baronies', awards here as well
 - Please note some awards have very specific requirements while others are 'closed' and are no longer being issued.

Q: When should I submit an award recommendation?

A: Every chance you get! Kingdom recommendations get uploaded to a database that compiles when an individual receives multiple recommendations so don't worry about duplicates. Duplicate recommendations can actually help a hopeful's chances. **Do** worry about timing, however! Most awards require the Crown or Baronage to request a scroll from their scribes. This process can take two to three months so please be sure to look ahead when thinking of recommendations. For Baronial events you can go to [unserhafen.org](http://www.unserhafen.org) and visit the "Calendar & Events" tab. For Kingdom events go to www.outlands.org and find "Events" along the top. While there, pay attention to the "Royal Progress" column that shows which events Their Majesties plan to attend.

Q: How do I know what awards a person already has?

A: From the same Wimble website as listed above, go to the left and select "All Awards and Orders for the Outlands and Baronies". This will show all awards listed under their respective group which will link to a roster of every person who has received that award in the past. You can search an individual by their SCA name for a filtered list that shows all the awards that one person has received. It is important to note that one person is assigned to keeping this website updated, and they rely on Court Heralds from the Crown and Baronies to send email updates of what awards have been issued. Sometimes there are delays in updates to Wimble.

Q: What are the awards I can recommend?

A: Just about any award that exists so long as the individual lives in or has done service for the group that registered the award. It is important to make sure that the

award matches the service.

Q: What awards should I NOT recommend?

A: Count/Countess, Duke/Duchess, or Viscount/Viscountess cannot really be recommended as these are elevations that are granted only at the end of a reign to the individuals stepping down from being Crown or reigning over a Principality. There are also awards specifically designed for the Crown or Baronage to issue based on personal service and exemplary grace during a reign (e.g. Cordon Royal, Queen's Cypher, Queen's Grace, or Torchbearer of Unser Hafen).

Q: What does 'armigerous' and 'non-armigerous' mean?

A: Armigerous awards carry with them an Award of Arms (AoA). When an armigerous award is given, the recipient automatically becomes a Lord/Lady/Noble of the Realm if they had not been granted an Award of Arms previously. Non-armigerous awards, then, do not carry an AoA.

Q: How do I submit an award recommendation?

A: For Kingdom Awards go to <https://www.outlands.org/>

- Login/Logout - You will have to create login credentials to have access to the Awards Recommendation link. It does not take much, and it allows the system to send you a confirmation email once your recommendation is complete. A submitter does not have to be a paid SCA member to sign up for this website.
- "Award Recommendations" is the first link under Outlands Quick Links on the right
- "Review Kingdom Award Info" will open another tab to the Wimble website where all Precedence and Awards are documented.
- "Submit an Award Recommendation" opens the form needed to do just that.
 - All required fields have red stars
 - Note that you do not have to know much of the hopeful's information but having a name and the local group where they reside will go far in helping the Crown find the person you have submitted
 - There is another handy link in the middle of the form, "Outlands Awards Descriptions", that will take you to the Awards by Group list on the Wimble page.
 - Once you submit a recommendation, the information will be entered in a massive database that the Crown has access to.

For Unser Hafen Awards simply let our Baron and Baroness know with a note, a discreet conversation or an email (baron@unserhafen.org and baroness@unserhafen.org)

Call for Letters

The following Baronial Officers have indicated that they wish to step down as of October 2023. Please consider submitting a letter of intent for these positions by October 10th, 2023. See full details on the Barony's Call for Officers

page: <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers>. Training is available for all of these positions.

Quartermaster

Coordinates access for event stewards to the Baronial storage unit. NOTE: You do not need to own a vehicle to hold this position!

Captain of Archers

Coordinates the monthly archer practice and assists with our yearly Champions event

Herald

Assists members with research and creation of persona names and creation of devices. Assist with being the "voice" of Their Excellencies during court.

Gold Key

Assists newcomers with the use of loaner costumes for events and coordinates creations of additional costumes as needed.

Chronicler

Creates and publishes the monthly newsletter and assists the Seneschal with taking meeting minutes at the monthly Populace and Planning meeting.

As always, all of our Officers would welcome help with their duties and are looking to train deputies and possible future replacements. The following positions are in addition to those listed above:

- Seneschal (president; oversees the administrative side of the group, helps plan events)
- Chatelaine (oversees all things pertaining to newcomers)
- Exchequer (treasurer)
- Webminister (the witchery of the ethereal plane)
- Social Media (the sorcery of phantom platforms)
- Scribe (oversees creation of scrolls)

The contact information for all of the above positions can be found at the end of The Gatekeeper.

Champions

Unser Hafen Champions

September 16th, 2023

[2400 Blue Mountain Ave, Berthoud, CO](#)

The private demesne of Dame Arabella.

Greetings Outlands!

Our land is green, the horses are fed, and our fighters are ready. To the corners of the land, Unser Hafen calls to our new champions. Come, prove your prowess on the field in any of four different styles. Equestrian, Archery, Light Weapons and Heavy Weapons will each take their turn, allowing all to participate or view.

Good populace, help us celebrate our champions in full pageantry! Bring your banners, favors, and frippery as well as shade, water, and your picnic lunch. Bring your good cheer, bring your instruments, share your cheer during our lunch and breaks.

Site Rules: The site is DRY and does not permit smoking or use of fire. The house is out of bounds. A site map will be provided to assist with parking and event navigation.

Call for Volunteers!

Please sign up here to help us to create the best event possible:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sjyP1TW-Jq_MpORmVTHBomiLY4DSDP81trTfgcHs-P4/edit?usp=sharing

For more information and any updates, visit:

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

Medieval Night

Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics

First Monday of the Month

6-9pm

[1119 W Drake Rd C-30](#)

Fort Collins, CO 80526

[\(MAP\)](#)

Free Admission

Join us on the first Monday of each month for dancing, garb making, games, arts & crafts, and general merriment.

Wearing Garb is encouraged, but not required.

Fighter Practice Dates

Fighter practice will be held every Sunday at the park, except for the following dates:

- Sept 3: CANCELLED for Labor Day weekend
- Oct 15: CANCELLED for Crown Tournament (North)
- Oct 22: Practice moving indoors to Winter location at CSU Fieldhouse

Fighter practice will be held every Sunday at CSU, except for the following dates:

- Nov 26: CANCELLED for Thanksgiving weekend
- Dec 17: To be held at Dwayne Webster Veterans park, weather permitting
- Dec 24: CANCELLED for Holiday weekend
- Dec 31: CANCELLED for Holiday weekend
- Jan 7, 2024: To be held at Dwayne Webster Veterans park, weather permitting
- Jan 14: To be held at Dwayne Webster Veterans park, weather permitting
- Mar 10: To be held at Dwayne Webster Veterans park, weather permitting
- Mar 17: To be held at Dwayne Webster Veterans park, weather permitting
- Mar 31: CANCELLED for Holiday weekend
- Apr 7: Practice moving outdoors to Summer location at Dwayne Webster Veterans park

Scribal

September Scribal Night

September 18th

Baron Hayashi of Caer Galen will be teaching us Japanese Stab Stitch Book Binding!

All materials will be provided; bring yourselves and enthusiasm!

Class will begin at 630 pm, dinner will be available at 6pm.

Scribal Nights are held at 6:30pm on the third Monday of every month at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi.

[5318 Ravenswood Ln](#)

Johnstown, CO

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 September 13, 2023

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin

2114 42 nd Avenue in Greeley

Phone (970) 590-7602

Subject: Medieval Medicinal Plants and Food Preservation Techniques

Looking Forward

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to 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 and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication methods.

What's Going on in our Barony?

Armoured and Fencing Practice

Sundays, 2:00-5:00 PM

Dwayne Webster Veteran's Park
400-422 W Eisenhower Blvd, Loveland,
CO 80537

**NOTE: Practice is CANCELLED on
Sept.3rd**

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!
Garb is encouraged

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.

Scribal Night

Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM
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
scribe@unserhafen.org.

Archery Practice

Windsor Archery Range
30927 CO-257, Windsor, CO 80550

Saturday, September 23rd

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

Equestrian Practice

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

Calligraphy &/or Illumination

Contact: Galen FitzThomas & Regalis dei
Falchi
Email: scribe@unserhafen.org

(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

**NOTE: As of September 2023, our Populace and Planning meeting is going
back to 100% virtual. We will be exploring meeting in person again in the
future.**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-augx-iqu

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

Kingdom Calendar

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
September 2023				
1-3	Barony of Caerthe	<u>Caerthe Dublan</u>		HE Dubhghall
1-4	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	<u>Warders of the Western Gate</u>	K/Q	Angus MacFarlane
10	Barony of Caerthe	<u>St. Sebastian's Archery Tournament</u>		HE Dubhghall
16	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Champions of al-Barran</u>		Brynjolf Bjarnison Team
16	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Unser Hafen Champions</u>	K/Q	Martin/Utchred/Marc /Ceclia
30	Barony of Aarquelle	<u>Harvest Fest - Paypal Link on Aarquelle FB Page</u>	K/Q	Team Florie & Otama
October 2023				
3-8	Kingdom of Caid	<u>Great Western War</u>	K/Q	
14-15	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	<u>Outlands Crown Tournament</u>	K/Q/P/P	Thorbjorn Trolls bani Dansson
20-22	Shire of Nahrn Kabirun	<u>Siege of the City</u>	K/Q	Team Timmur & John
21	Barony of Caer Galen	<u>Danse Macabre</u>		Team Livia & Dwen
28	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Newcomers</u>	K	Team Vagn & Ylva
November				

2023

4	Barony of al-Barran	Kingdom A&S Collegium	Team Annie & Rafael
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January

2024

6	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe 12th Night 2024: The Hajj of Mansa Musa	Lianor da Costa
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February

2024

5-12	Kingdom of Atenveldt	<u>War of the Phoenix</u>
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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

Her Excellency

Baroness Richenda de la Selva

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 - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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]

Seneschal:

seneschal@unserhafen.org

Lady Eithne ingen Fhaelain Duib

Secretary: Lady Euphemia de Argyll

Chancellor of the Exchequer:

exchequer@unserhafen.org

Mistress Ursula d'Arcy

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:

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Dani (Joshi Solomon-Freville)

Captain of Archers:

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Lord Marc of Unser Hafen

Gold Key:

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Lady Ulanda of Unser Hafen

Knight Marshal:

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Sir Uchtred Leifsson

Marshal of Fence:

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Don Martine de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]

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Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir

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Lady Elsbeth the Dark

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Lord Galen FitzThomas
[Lady Regalis dei Falchi]

Chronicler:
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Lady Euphemia de Argyll
(Michelle Barger)

Quartermaster:
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Position vacant (Eithne & Freana are coordinating access)

Social Media:
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Lord Vagn Egilsson

Webminister:
webminister@gmail.com
Lady Ylva Markusdottir

Equestrian:
equestrian@unserhafen.org
Lady Cecelia O'Connor

Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:

Wimble Herald

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

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

- <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0>

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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