

The Barony Of
Unser Hafen
The Gatekeeper

August

2023



Baronial Buzz

Unto the Populace of Unser Hafen,

Coronation was a fun event with all the pomp and pageantry the first day, and the Tournaments on the second day. From the tournaments, Lady Ylva was chosen by the Queen to be the Flower of Chivalry, and Lord Kikkertje was chosen by the

Queen to be the Rapier of Chivalry. These are two high honors. We were also happy to share our backdrops with the Barony of Caer Galen for this event. It really made a difference.

Your Baron did a day trip to the Shire of Plattefordham (Casper WY) for their event. Even though those that arrived on Friday night had to deal with a serious hail storm, the next day was wonderful and a lot of fun. Congratulations to Lord Vagn who won the Tournament. Your Baron also entered the tournament and had a good time, realizing that it had been a long time since he had done that.

We ask of the populace that if they feel they know someone that impresses them for fighting, or arts and sciences, or service to the Barony, please send us your recommendation through our baron@unserhafen.org email.

Yours in Service,
Freana, Baron
Richenda, Baroness

Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings and many Blessings!

I have been musing during these hot summer days that fall and winter is just around the corner again. So, as we can, may we all enjoy the hours that we can be together under the sky! I look forward to continuing to see you at our weekly fighter practices, monthly Medieval Nights, White Rose Inn, Scribal Night and Populace/Planning meetings! The planning for our two upcoming events, Champions on September 16 and Newcomers on October 28, are well underway! We will need everyone's help, so please keep an eye on our website for links to signup to help with setup/tear down, gate, potluck lunch setup, etc.

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 13th century.

How Long the Night

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

It is pleasant, indeed, while the summer lasts
with the mild pheasants' song ...

but now I feel the northern wind's blast—
its severe weather strong.
Alas! Alas! This night seems so long!
And I, because of my momentous wrong
now grieve, mourn and fast.

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

Blessings,
Eithne
Seneschal of Unser Hafen

A Trip to Grand Outlandish

Lady Ylva and I journeyed to the far southern lands of the Outlands the last weekend in May. Down to the Grand Outlandish Tournaments hosted by the gracious barony of al-Barran. There we fought and brought glory to Unser Hafen for our brothers and sisters in our far northern home. Together with King Bardolf and our allies we won the sponsored viking raid, boar hunt, and the banneret tourney. We were given flowing riches and much pomp for our deeds. In celebration and reflection I wrote a kenning poem, the word art of my Norse people.

-Lord Vagn Egilsson

"Words of Grand Outlandish Tournaments XLVIII"

Down dark southern pass we went
To al-Barran, north warriors sent
The hewing-men of tourney grand
We found our kin in Outlandish land

Castle culling came to claim
Many men made death in vain
My mighty Majesty's sword still swings
So again I stood for our strong stag-king

To fill the needs of Viking woes
We and king plundered fearless foes
Silver, silk, and well-made wine
Spoils shared fair before finding swine

We road to woods to hunt the boar
The beast berserk made mighty roar
Snapping spruce and manlike-lumber
Once again they all were torn asunder

Then came calls for brave bannermen
All rallied forth to killing-den

Blades became bound, crossed with candor
Victory was won by us Northlanders

Happy hearts filled from fierce fights
We said goodbyes and made post-battle rites
Loaded land-karve for lengthy journey
We truly treasured our time at the Grand Outlandish Tourney

Awards and Recognitions

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 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 Herald's 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)

Seeking Deputies

- All of our Officers would welcome help with their duties and are looking to train deputies and possible future replacements:
- Please see the contact information at the end of The Gatekeeper for each of these positions
- Seneschal (president; oversees the administrative side of the group, helps plan events)
- Quartermaster (oversees the storage unit & its contents)
- Gold Key (oversees our collection of loaner garb)
- Chatelaine (oversees all things pertaining to newcomers)
- Exchequer (treasurer)
- Chronicler (monthly newsletter)
- Webminister (the witchery of the ethereal plane)
- Herald (assists with creation/ formal acceptance of name & armory)
- Social Media (the sorcery of phantom platforms)
- Captain of Archers (oversees all things archery)
- Scribe (oversees creation of scrolls)

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.

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.

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 Aug 9, 2023

The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3901 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284

Subject: Roman Cuisine (2 nd attempt)

YouTube videos to watch:

[Everyday Moments in History - A Roman Soldier Prepares Dinner](#)

[Feeding a Roman Legion - Posca & Lardum](#)

[Feeding the Army of Roman Britain](#)

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

Scribal

August Scribal Night

August 23rd

Open Project and/or Scroll Blank Project Night

Bring your projects to work on - Scribal or otherwise! Or if you'd like a project, come and do a scroll blank for the Barony.

Lady Regalis will have copies of the award texts available, tablets for perusing historical examples, books of different calligraphy hands, and supplies. Paints, paper, pencils, etc -- all you need is yourself!

If you have questions or need help, bring that too, we'll be happy to answer!

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

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

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.

For more information and any updates, visit:
<https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archive-champions>

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

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, August 26 ***DATE CHANGE***

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.

IN PERSON and VIRTUAL

Populace Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

In Person:

Poudre Valley REA Community Room
7649 Rea Pkwy, Fort Collins

[MAP](#)

Virtual:

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi

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

Kingdom Calendar

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
August 2023				
3-6	Shire of Nahrn Kabirun	<u>Clan Wars</u>		Lady Cecilia Tretheway
19	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Sworded Affaire</u>	K/Q	Otto Schwarz Herz
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
16	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Unser Hafen Champions</u>	K/Q	Team Martin/Utchred/Marc/Cecilia
30	Barony of Aarquelle	<u>Harvest Fest</u>	K/Q	Team Florie & Otama
October 2023				
3-8	Kingdom of Caid	<u>Great Western War</u>	K/Q	
20-22	Shire of Nahrin 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
February 2024				
5-12	Kingdom of Atenveldt	<u>War of the Phoenix</u>		

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 Pursuivant - 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

Gold Key:

goldkey@unserhafen.org

Lady Ulanda of Unser Hafen

Knight Marshal:

knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Sir Uchtred Leifsson

Mistress Ursula d'Arcy

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:

herald@unserhafen.org

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

Captain of Archers:

archery@unserhafen.org

Lord Marc of Unser Hafen

Chatelaine (Hospitaller):

chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Lady Elsbeth the Dark

Scribe:

scribe@unserhafen.org

Lord Galen FitzThomas
[Lady Regalis dei Falchi]

Chronicler:

chronicler@unserhafen.org

Lady Euphemia de Argyll
(Michelle Barger)

Marshal of Fence:

fence@unserhafen.org

Don Martine de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]

Minister of Arts and Sciences:

aands@unserhafen.org

Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir

Quartermaster:

quartermaster@unserhafen.org

Position vacant (Eithne & Freana are
coordinating access)

Social Media:

socialmedia@unserhafen.org

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:

YouTube Videos:

- Everyday Moments in History -A Roman Soldier Prepares Dinner

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-L_EbXE3LU

- Feeding a Roman Legion - Posca & Lardum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj5vg2fj0tk>

- Feeding the Army of Roman Britain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GFbpsojgZM>

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>

Map to Poudre Valley REA:

- <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Poudre+Valley+REA+Inc/@40.4782647,-104.9817569,17z/data=!4m15!1m8!3m7!1s0x876eb2672835b6bb:0x23c284ad9f462bf7!2s7649+Rea+Pkwy,+Fort+Collins,+CO+80528!3b1!8m2!3d40.4782606!4d-104.979182!16s%2Fg%2F11crstswy9!3m5!1s0x876eb26719964887:0x87c9497352dcaa39!8m2!3d40.4784968!4d-104.9810342!16s%2Fg%2F1tf6bjv0?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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